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Plans for hike in PSBs' foreign investment cap

The Centre is planning to allow direct foreign investment in state-run banks of up to 49%, more than double current limits, a source said. The finance ministry has been discussing the matter with RBI, said the source, adding that the proposal is yet to be finalised.
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Rules for bus fare regulatory panel notified

Paving the way for more frequent bus fare revisions, the Transport Department has notified the Karnataka Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Rules, 2025, to set up a Public Transport Fare Regulatory Committee (PTFRC) along the lines of KERC.
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Menstrual leave Bill likely

The Labour Department is considering introducing a law to enforce the policy of menstrual leaves, which the Cabinet approved recently. As per the policy, all menstruating women working in government and private sectors will be entitled to one menstrual leave per month.
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Amazon targets 30k corporate job cuts

Amazon is planning to cut as many as 30,000 corporate jobs beginning Tuesday, as the company works to pare expenses and compensate for overhiring during the peak demand of the pandemic, according to three people familiar with the matter.

After Bihar, EC to conduct SIR in 12 states and UTs

Enumeration to begin from Nov 4; Karnataka doesn't figure in list

SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The second phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls will be conducted in 12 states and Union Territories, including Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh, with the exercise kick-starting with the freezing of electoral rolls from Monday midnight.

Karnataka does not figure in the list of states for conducting SIR in the second phase.

While four poll-bound states and UTs—Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry—will witness the SIR in this phase, the exercise in Assam, another state where elections are due, will take place later, as the finalisation of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) process is still underway.

Other states and UTs where the SIR would be held are Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. The current phase of the SIR will cover 50.99 crore voters. In these states, the SIR was conducted in 2002 and 2003, except for 37 seats in Tamil Nadu which took place in 2005.

Announcing the schedule, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar told a press conference that the exercise in this phase will end with the publication of the final electoral rolls on February 7 next year.

The printing of enumeration forms and training of personnel will start on Tuesday and end on November 3, followed by house-to-house enumeration phase between November 4 and December 4.

A month's time (till January 8) will be given for filing claims and objections after the draft list is released on December 9, which will be followed by the notice phase when hearing and verification would be held.

Asked about the omission of Assam in this phase, Kumar said, "Under the Citizenship Act, there are separate provisions for citizenship in Assam. Under the supervision of the Supreme Court, the exercise of checking citizenship is about to be completed. Under such circumstances, this would not have applied to Assam. A separate SIR date will be announced."
▸ SIR, Page 6

Stage set for another round of electoral roll revision

- Four poll-bound states and UTs – Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry – will witness SIR in second phase
- Another poll-bound state Assam will see exercise later as NRC process is still underway
- SIR would also be held in Gujarat and UP, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Lakshadweep, MP and Rajasthan
- In 2nd phase, 50.99 crore voters will be covered; exercise will end with publication of final electoral rolls on Feb 7 next year
- While in Bihar, voters could link their names with their parents, this time a relative's name can be given

Cong questions EC's 'intentions'

As the Election Commission announced the second phase of Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls, the Congress on Monday questioned the exercise, alleging that the poll body's "intentions and credibility" were under suspicion. Page 7

Will complete full term if high command says so: CM

MANGALURU/BENGALURU, DHNS: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday said he would complete a full five-year tenure only if the Congress high command allowed him to, differing from his earlier assertions that he would remain at the helm.

In another significant message, Siddaramaiah did not rule out his candidature in 2028 by implying that the party needed him.

"If the high command decides," Siddaramaiah said in Mangaluru when asked if he would complete the full term.

Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar maintained a reconciliatory stance upon returning from the national capital on Monday evening. Reacting to Siddaramaiah's statement, he said: "Once the CM has spoken, that's that. We will do whatever he says." Earlier in the day, at a media event, Siddaramaiah said he was under pressure from "friends and well-wishers" to contest the 2028 Assembly election.
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HOPE SPRINGS

Lalbagh percolation wells lift groundwater levels

DH SPECIAL

SNEHA RAMESH
BENGALURU, DHNS

The impact of percolation wells dug at Lalbagh is being felt significantly now. A long-term study has shown that groundwater levels in Lalbagh have increased by close to four metres since 2021 when work on percolation wells began.

In Lalbagh, close to 440 percolation wells have been dug by United Way of Bengaluru (UWBe), a non-profit organisation, to capture runoff water, impacting the ground water levels directly.

"Percolation wells have been able to collect close to 56,365 cubic metres of runoff rainwater which has percolated into the water table, improving the water levels," said Sriram Ananthanarayanan, director, new initiatives and impact, UWBe.

Percolation wells in Lalbagh.
DH FILE PHOTO

As a result of the improvement in groundwater levels, the area which was once categorised as 'over exploited' with 103% extraction of groundwater, has now moved to 'safe' levels with just 64% groundwater extraction.

While percolation wells have played a major factor in improving groundwater levels, other natural factors may have also had some impact on the groundwater levels, representatives from UwBe maintained.

Horticulture department officials said many borewells that had dried up have come back to life and dependence on piped water has reduced significantly.

"The health of many deep rooted trees and perennial trees has also improved. Need for sprinklers has come down drastically and now they are mostly used only in summer," said M Jagadeesh, joint director, Lalbagh Botanical Garden.

Apart from improving groundwater levels, percolation wells have helped in many other ways including preventing of floods.

"During rains, water going out of Lalbagh would flood surrounding areas. Now, that close to 40% of the runoff water is collected in percolation wells, water going outside has reduced, preventing floods," Ananthanarayanan said.
▸ Lalbagh , Page 6

Justice Surya Kant set to be next CJI

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Chief Justice of India B R Gavai on Monday recommended the name of senior most Supreme Court judge Justice Surya Kant to be his successor upon his superannuation on November 23, 2025.

When notified by the Centre, Justice Kant would become the 53rd Chief Justice of India and would remain in the post from November 24, 2025 till February 9, 2027. According to the memorandum of procedure, the Law Ministry on October 23 sent a letter to the incumbent CJI to name his successor.

Justice Surya Kant

Justice Kant would be the first from Haryana to be appointed the CJI.

SC favours CBI probe into rising 'digital arrest' cases

Asks all states and UTs to submit details and FIRs

NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Monday issued notice to all states and Union Territories seeking details on the growing menace of 'digital arrests' and the FIR registered in such cases.

In 'digital arrests', gullible citizens are duped of their money by fake judicial and law enforcement authorities.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi said the court is inclined to entrust the matter to the CBI for probing such cases in view of the magnitude and their pan-India spread. Since cybercrime and 'digital arrest' cases originated from offshore locations, the court also asked CBI to come up with a plan to probe these cases.

The court noted the submissions of Attorney General R Venkataramani who said that cybercrime and 'digital arrest' cases are originating from offshore locations such as Myanmar and Thailand.
▸ Digital arrest, Page 6

WHAT THE SC SAID

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- As 'digital arrest' cases originate from offshore locations, asks CBI to come up with a plan to probe these cases
- Asks CBI whether it needs more resources, including cyber experts, to investigate 'digital arrest' cases

Shoe case: SC no to contempt action

The SC on Monday said it was not inclined to initiate contempt action against a lawyer who had hurled a shoe towards Chief Justice of India B R Gavai recently.
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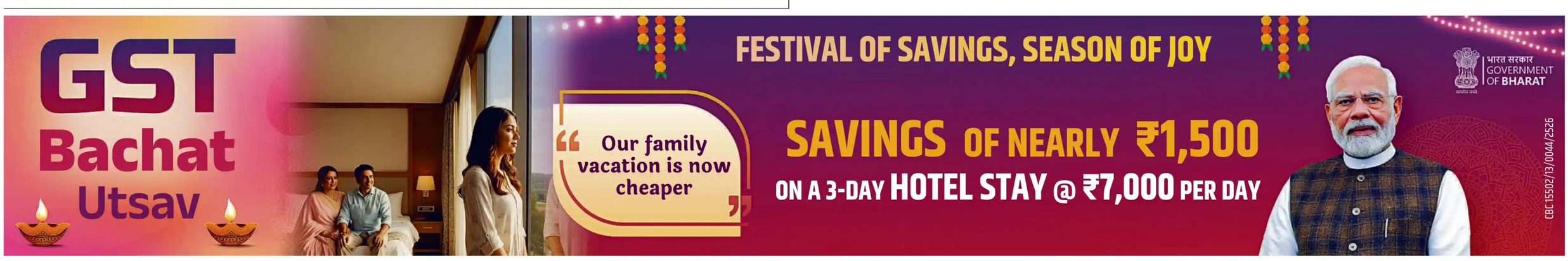
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2 cops suspended, on the run in sexual harassment case

BENGALURU, DHNS

Two police officers attached to the DJ Halli police station have been suspended following a complaint by a beautician.

Police Inspector Sunil HB has been booked on charges of cheating the woman on the pretext of marriage and blackmailing her, while ASI Prakash faces allegations of demanding sexual favours.

Bengaluru City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh said on Monday that Sunil and Prakash have been suspended after an FIR was registered at the Govindapura police station.

The case has been transferred to the Peenya police for further investigation, as the alleged incident occurred in an apartment there.

In her complaint, the victim said that she had approached Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) MA Saleem last Friday, alleging that Sunil had taken her contact number under the pretext of helping her in a financial dispute case a year ago. He later began messaging her and gradually befriended her.

A few days later, he allegedly invited her to his flat in Peenya and later booked a hotel room, where he initiated a physical relationship with her by promising marriage. He also assured her that he would buy a flat for them and help her set up a beauty parlour.

After a few months, Sunil allegedly began avoiding her, leading her to realise she had been cheated.

The woman then filed a complaint against both Sunil and Prakash, accusing even the ASI of demanding sexual favours separately.

A senior police officer from Peenya said the two have been booked under BNS sections 351(2) (criminal intimidation), 69 (sexual intercourse by deceitful means), and 75(1) (sexual harassment).

Both accused are absconding, and a special team has been formed to detain them.

Grocery delivery agent arrested for molesting Brazilian model

Victim files police complaint with help from her company

MANJUNATH SHETTAR
BENGALURU, DHNS

A Brazilian model working in Bengaluru was allegedly molested by a grocery delivery agent at her apartment.

Seemant Kumar Singh

RT Nagar police arrested the 21-year-old accused, Kumar, a diploma engineering student at a private college, and remanded him to judicial custody.

Police said the victim, a model with a private company, placed a grocery order through a delivery app on October 17. When the agent reached her first-floor apartment, he touched her inappropriately noticing she was alone.

The woman screamed for help and locked the door, preventing further assault. She did not disclose it immediately due to shock, but narrated it to her roommates two days later.

On October 25, her employer learnt about the incident and helped her file a complaint with the RT Nagar police, based on which Kumar was arrested. His employment with the delivery platform was terminated.

The delivery firm's spokesperson told *DH* that they needed more time to respond.

PREVIOUS INCIDENTS

- **May 2025:** Basaveshwaranagar police arrested a Zepto delivery executive, Vishnuvardhan, for allegedly assaulting a customer over a wrong address. A video of the assault went viral, and police later arrested him from his Vijayanagar residence.
- **March 2024:** HAL police arrested a 27-year-old man, Akash B, of Kundalahalli Colony, after he allegedly molested a woman during a delivery. The accused had asked to use her bathroom and later followed her into the kitchen, where he grabbed her hand.

> Men across age groups and social positions are complicit in sustaining an environment of fear, abuse, and victim-blaming. It is this toxic and distorted masculinity that must be called out and challenged.
>
> **– Poorna Ravishankar**
> Advocate, Alternative Law Forum

> Political parties do not care about gender sensitisation and women's equality. Our society and the ruling dispensation should feel ashamed when women and girls feel unsafe even inside their homes.
>
> **– Jyothi A**
> President, National Federation of Indian Women (NFIW), Karnataka

Bengaluru City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh said, "We have called a meeting with service providers of online grocery and food delivery platforms to issue strict instructions to prevent untoward incidents during deliveries. Many delivery executives operate without police verification, and there is no control over the system as several service providers function across the city."

Singh said the norms for ensuring women customers' safety by delivery apps remain vague and insufficient.

Power supply to be hit in parts of city today

BENGALURU, DHNS: Power supply will be disrupted in several areas of the city on Tuesday, between 11 am and 4 pm, due to emergency maintenance work taken up by KPTCL.

Some of the affected areas are: Venkatala, Palanahalli, Kattigenahalli, Century Layout, Ananthapura Gate, Nelakunte, Haniyur, Chellahalli, Prestige Royal Garden, Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu, Prakruthi Nagar, Srinivasapura, Ayyappa Enclave, and surrounding areas.

Install power meters 5 ft above ground: Bescom

BENGALURU, DHNS: Bescom has requested consumers to install electricity meters in easily accessible locations to help meter readers take readings without difficulty.

"Since some electricity meters are being installed at elevated locations, it has become a hurdle to take meter readings using the optical port probe," the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company said in a statement.

The utility has, therefore, urged consumers to ensure that electricity meters are fixed at a height of 5 to 5.5 feet from the ground level.

GBA working on dashboard to track infra projects

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) is developing an online dashboard to monitor the progress of major infrastructure projects across the city.

The initiative follows instructions from Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh after a meeting with senior government officials and industry leaders last month.

"A public dashboard on the progress of projects will be shared," billionaire entrepreneur Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw said in a post on X, a few days after meeting Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and senior officials.

At the inter-departmental meeting held in September, Shalini directed GBA Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao to create a live dashboard to track the status of pothole-filling activity and ongoing projects. Rao confirmed to *DH* that the dashboard is currently being designed.

It is also learnt that an expert committee has been formed to address issues faced by commuters on the 18-km Outer Ring Road, a tech corridor employing about eight lakh people. The committee will oversee the re-development of the stretch at an estimated cost of Rs 400 crore.

SUNSET PRAYERS

Devotees perform Chhath Puja rituals, offering prayers to the setting sun at Halasuru Lake on Monday. DH PHOTO/PUSHKAR V

BJP leaders flay high-rises in green zones

BENGALURU, DHNS: A day after DH reported on the state government's plan to relax building norms and permit construction in green zones as part of the proposed 16 to 75-km tunnel road project, BJP leaders in Karnataka strongly opposed the move.

"The real intention behind Dy CM DK Shivakumar's Tunnel Road is finally clear — not to ease traffic, but to please the real estate mafia," R Ashoka, Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, said in a post on X.

He said the government has shamelessly lifted FSI limits and opened up Bengaluru's most precious green and sensitive zones.

"Instead of protecting Bengaluru's lungs, they are auctioning them. Instead of reducing congestion, they are preparing to build glass towers and choke the city further. This is not urban planning — it is urban looting in the name of infrastructure," the BJP leader said.

Bangalore Central MP PC Mohan described the government's plan to raise the Floor Space Index from 2.5 to 5 for the Rs 17,800-crore tunnel road project as alarming.

"Allowing high-rises in green zones like Lalbagh, Race Course, and Palace Grounds defies the city's Master Plan and will only worsen Bengaluru's traffic severely," he said.

Drug peddler arrested with illegal firearm

BENGALURU, DHNS: A 31-year-old drug peddler was arrested by the Organised Crime Wing of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) for possessing a country-made pistol.

A senior police officer said the arrested person has been identified as Roshan Ahmed, a resident of BTM Layout. Ahmed was arrested by the Mico Layout police in 2023 under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

"Based on a tip-off, Ahmed was caught red-handed when he was in possession of an illegal firearm and four rounds of live ammunition. He was preparing to commit a crime at Suddaguntepalya.

"During interrogation, he revealed that he was involved in peddling drugs and had purchased the firearm and ammunition from a person in Madhya Pradesh by paying Rs 25,000. He confessed that he used the weapon to threaten his rivals and continue his illegal narcotics business smoothly, and also revealed the identity of the person who had sold the pistol to him. Efforts are on to nab him."

Hydro ganja in luggage

Customs officials at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) seized 2.2 kg of hydroponic ganja from a passenger arriving from Bangkok on Monday.

Acting on a tip-off, officials intercepted the traveller and found that his checked-in baggage had a false bottom on both sides.

When pried open, the officials found four tightly sealed packets containing the contraband. An investigation is underway to trace the intended recipient of the seized drugs.

Farmers to govt: No fair pay, no BBC project

Says govt should follow 2013 Land Acquisition Act; calls offer 'eyewash'

BENGALURU, DHNS

The PRR Raitha Haagu Niveshanadarara Sangha, a collective of persons whose land has been notified for the 74-km Bengaluru Business Corridor (BBC) project, has written to Governor Thaawar Chand Gehlot opposing the government's compensation scheme.

They demanded that the government follow the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.

At a press conference, the farmer leaders termed the five compensation options offered by the government as an "eyewash" and "fraud".

They said the cash compensation based on the guidance value does not reflect the actual market value of the land, pointing out that the Inspector General of Registration has not revised or has suppressed the guidance value since 2016.

They also opposed the Transferrable Development Rights (TDR) and Floor Area Ratio (FAR) options, citing a high risk of corruption and manipulation due to the lack of transparency and proper valuation systems.

The landowners rejected the proposal to provide 40 per cent of developed land in residential layouts and 35 per cent in commercial layouts next to the ring road, stating that agencies such as the Karnataka Housing Board offer 50 per cent of developed sites in return.

"If the BDA plans to make 65 metres of land, let it acquire only 65 per cent of the land required for the project instead of 100 metres. This will also reduce compensation costs," they said, reminding that the notification issued in 2006 has already lapsed as no award or possession was taken.

The farmer leaders said the Bangalore Development Authority has not prepared the detailed project report, social impact assessment, or environmental clearance before proceeding with the project.

Mavalipura Srinivas, president of the association, urged the state government to scrap the project if it has no money to fairly compensate the farmers.

Toddler, left alone at home, dies after fall from second-floor balcony

BENGALURU, DHNS: A three-year-old boy died after accidentally falling from the second-floor balcony of a residential building in Konanakunte.

The deceased, identified as Vehanth, was the son of Vinod Kumar and Kavya, both IT professionals residing in Weavers Colony.

Police said the child was alone at home as his parents were attending a family function around 6.30 am on Saturday. While playing near the balcony, he reportedly slipped and fell. Neighbours who witnessed the incident rushed him to a nearby private hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries on Sunday.

A case of unnatural death has been registered.

◆ IN THE CITY ◆

GENERAL

Vijaya College, Cultural and Literary Committee: 'Ninnolume-yendele', singing of KS Narasimhaswamy's lyrics; Inauguration: Mekhala Venkatesh, Chairman: Zaiba Nishat Banu, Guest: Amrutha Chandrashekar; Vijaya College Auditorium, Basavanagudi; 10 am.

Bengaluru University of Agriculture: Training on Direct Marketing–A Powerful Tool to Empower Farmers; Inauguration: SV Suresh, Chairman: YN Shivalingaiah, Guests: C Narayanaswamy, Basavaprabhu Jirli; Farmers Training Institute, GKVK, Hebbal; 10 am.

Banavasi Balaga: Discussion on two-language policy; Gandhi Bhavan, Kumara Park Road; 10.30 am.

Police Department: Inauguration of Anti-Narcotics Task Force; Siddaramaiah, Basavaraj S Horatti, DK Shivakumar, UT Khader, G Parameshwara; Banquet Hall, Vidhana Soudha; 11 am.

Bharat Electronics Lalitha Kala Sangha: Multilingual Music Competition; Inauguration: TD Nandakumar, Chairmanship: Jagadish Kumar; Jalahalli; 6 pm.

RELIGIOUS

Tirumalgiri Lakshmi Venkateswara Swamy Temple: Lalita Sahasranama Parayana; JP Nagar 2nd Phase; 10 am.

◆ CITY WEATHER ◆

FORECAST

Generally cloudy sky with moderate rain

TEMPERATURES

Maximum	25.0°C
Minimum	20.0°C
Rainfall	--
Humidity	85%
Sunset (Oct 28)	5:55 pm
Sunrise (Oct 29)	6:12 am
Moonrise	10:54 am
Moonset	10:21 pm

(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm) Source: IMD

F&F HOSPITALITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

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SPARKS OF TROUBLE

Frequent breakdowns, fatal crashes: E-buses giving B'luru 'a bad name'

BENGALURU, DHNS

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy on Monday sought the Centre's immediate intervention over the "poor performance" of electric buses leased by the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC).

Addressing a press conference, he said the 1,644 e-buses in the corporation's fleet were facing multiple issues and giving it a "bad name".

He cited frequent technical failures, battery-related breakdowns, increasing accidents, poor maintenance, inadequate driver training, shortage of buses and drivers, and repeated driver strikes.

To cut costs, he said, operators were appointing only 1.9 to 2.0 staff per bus instead of the prescribed 2.3. Since 2023–24, e-buses have been involved in 70 accidents, including 24 fatal ones.

"These buses carry BMTC branding, but the corporation doesn't own them. These deficiencies have severely affected the smooth operation of e-buses and tarnished Bengaluru's reputation."

The BMTC has 7,067 buses, including 1,644 electric vehicles leased from four companies under the Gross Cost Contract (GCC) model. Operators are paid per kilometre, and appoint drivers while the BMTC provides conductors.

Under central schemes such as FAME II, CESL, Smart Cities Mission and the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment, four operators have supplied e-buses to the BMTC for 12 years:

NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Ltd–JBM: 90 buses (992 breakdowns since 2023-24; Rs 9.8-crore penalty)

Switch Mobility Automotive Ltd: 300 buses (11,419 breakdowns; Rs 3.05-crore penalty)

TML Smart City Mobility Solutions Ltd: 1,031 buses (3,112 breakdowns; Rs 11.99-crore penalty)

Over 16,000 breakdowns have been reported among the BMTC's 1,644 e-buses since 2023-24. The photo shows an e-bus that crashed into an electricity pole and a tree near KR Circle. DH PHOTO

OHM Global, which has supplied AC e-buses for airport and other premium routes, has reported 608 breakdowns since 2024-25, attracting a penalty of Rs 67 lakh.

Repeated strikes by e-bus drivers forced the BMTC to cancel thousands of scheduled trips, causing a revenue loss of Rs 92.89 lakh since January 2023. This month alone, TML drivers struck work thrice, OHM Global drivers twice and Switch Mobility drivers once, all due to pay disputes, according to Reddy.

Despite large-scale operations, the BMTC's 5,423 diesel buses recorded only 0.05 accidents per lakh km, compared with 0.07 for e-buses. Since 2023–24, there have been only 122 breakdowns of diesel buses and just 2% trip cancellations.

"Accidents and fatal incidents are notably higher among e-buses due to driver negligence and lack of accountability," Reddy said.

The minister clarified that he was not asking for cancelling contracts, but only seeking a thorough evaluation of all GCC operators.

BMTC Managing Director Sivakumar KB said he had held separate meetings with all bus manufacturers to discuss operational challenges due to the breakdowns. They assured him to upgrade the charging infrastructure.

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ಇನ್ನುಮುಂದೆ ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ 30 ಸೇವೆಗಳು

ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಕ್ಕೆ ದೇಶದಲ್ಲೇ ಪ್ರಪ್ರಥಮ ಹೆಜ್ಜೆ!

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಮೋಟಾರು ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿತ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಭದ್ರತಾ ಮತ್ತು ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ.

ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರಿಗೆ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯ ಒದಗಿಸಲು, "The Karnataka Motor Transport and Other Allied Workers Social Security and Welfare Rules 2024" ಜಾರಿ.

ರಸ್ತೆ ಸುರಕ್ಷತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಆಧುನೀಕರಣ

AI ಆಧಾರಿತ ಕಣ್ಗಾವಲು: ರಸ್ತೆ ಸುರಕ್ಷತೆಗಾಗಿ ₹70 ಕೋಟಿ ವೆಚ್ಚದಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಜ್ಯದಾದ್ಯಂತ 80 ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಸ್ಥಳಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕೃತಕ ಬುದ್ಧಿಮತ್ತೆ (AI) ಆಧಾರಿತ ಕ್ಯಾಮೆರಾಗಳ ಅಳವಡಿಕೆ.

ಮಹಿಳೆಯರು ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಸುರಕ್ಷತೆ: ನಿರ್ಭಯ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ವಾಹನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ VLTD ಮತ್ತು ಎಮರ್ಜೆನ್ಸಿ ಬಟನ್‌ಗಳ ಅಳವಡಿಕೆ.

ಆಧುನಿಕ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳು: ₹129 ಕೋಟಿ ವೆಚ್ಚದಲ್ಲಿ 21 ಸ್ಥಳಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಯಂಚಾಲಿತ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ಪಥಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಪ್ರಗತಿಯಲ್ಲಿದೆ.

ಹಣಕಾಸು ಮತ್ತು ಆಡಳಿತ ಸುಧಾರಣೆ

ದಾಖಲೆ ಮಟ್ಟದ ರಾಜಸ್ವ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ: ₹12,024.32 ಕೋಟಿ ರಾಜಸ್ವ ಗುರಿಯನ್ನು ತಲುಪುವ ಮೂಲಕ 97.67% ಯಶಸ್ಸು.

ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಬಲವರ್ಧನೆ: 5 RTO/ARTO ಕಚೇರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸ್ವಂತ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ, ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಸಮರ್ಥವಾಗಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು 89 ಮೋಟಾರು ವಾಹನ ನಿರೀಕ್ಷಕರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ.

ಕಚೇರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಭೇಟಿ ನೀಡಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾದ ಸೇವೆಗಳು

- ಬದಲಿ ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರ
- ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಯೋಮೆಟ್ರಿಕ್ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ
- ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿನ ವಾಹನ ವರ್ಗವನ್ನು ಸರೆಂಡರ್ ಮಾಡುವುದು
- ಅಪಾಯಕಾರಿ ವಸ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಸಾಗಿಸುವ ವಾಹನಗಳನ್ನು ಓಡಿಸಲು ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಿಂಬರಹ ನೀಡುವಿಕೆ
- ಗುಡ್ಡಗಾಡು / ಬೆಟ್ಟದ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಹನಗಳನ್ನು ಓಡಿಸಲು ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಿಂಬರಹ ನೀಡುವಿಕೆ
- ರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಇಲಾಖೆಯವರಿಗೆ ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರ ನೀಡುವಿಕೆ
- ರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಇಲಾಖೆಯವರು ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚುವರಿ ವಾಹನ ವರ್ಗ ಸೇರ್ಪಡೆ
- ಚಾಲಕರಿಗೆ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸೇವಾ ವಾಹನ ಬ್ಯಾಡ್ಜ್ ವಿತರಣೆ
- ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಯೋಮೆಟ್ರಿಕ್ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ
- ವಾಹನದ ಕಂತು-ಕರಾರು ರದ್ದತಿ
- ವಾಹನದ ರಹದಾರಿ ವರ್ಗಾವಣೆ
- ವಾಹನದ ರಹದಾರಿ ವರ್ಗಾವಣೆ (ಮರಣ ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ)
- ವಾಹನದ ರಹದಾರಿಯ ಆಥೋರೈಸೆಷನ್ ನವೀಕರಣ
- ವಾಹನದ ನಕಲು ಅರ್ಹತಾ ಪ್ರಮಾಣಪತ್ರ ನೀಡಿಕೆ

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ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯ ಸೇವೆಗಳು

- ಕಲಿಕಾ ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರ
- ಕಲಿಕಾ ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಳಾಸ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ
- ಕಲಿಕಾ ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಸರು ಬದಲಾವಣೆ
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- ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರ ವಹಿ ಪಡೆಯುವಿಕೆ
- ಅಂತರರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಚಾಲನಾ ಪರವಾನಗಿ ನೀಡುವಿಕೆ
- ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರ ನವೀಕರಣ
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- ಮೋಟಾರು ವಾಹನದ ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕ ನೋಂದಣಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ
- ವಾಹನದ (ಫುಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿಲ್ಟ್) ಹೊಸ ನೋಂದಣಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ
- ನಕಲು ನೋಂದಣಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣಪತ್ರ ನೀಡುವಿಕೆ
- ವಾಹನಕ್ಕೆ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣಾ ರಹಿತ ಪ್ರಮಾಣಪತ್ರ ನೀಡುವಿಕೆ (ಎನ್ ಒ ಸಿ/ ಸಿಸಿ)
- ನೋಂದಣಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಳಾಸ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ
- ವಾಹನ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣಪತ್ರ ವಹಿ ಪಡೆಯುವಿಕೆ
- ವಾಹನ ನೋಂದಣಿಯ ಮಾಲೀಕತ್ವ ವರ್ಗಾವಣೆಯ ನೋಟೀಸು
- ವಾಹನ ನೋಂದಣಿಯ ಮಾಲೀಕತ್ವ ವರ್ಗಾವಣೆಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ
- ವಾಹನದ ಮೇಲೆ ಕಂತು-ಕರಾರು ನಮೂದನೆಗೆ ಹಿಂಬರಹ
- ವಾಹನದ ಹೊಸ ರಹದಾರಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ
- ವಾಹನದ ನಕಲು ರಹದಾರಿ ನೀಡಿಕೆ
- ಶಾಶ್ವತವಾಗಿ ವಾಹನದ ರಹದಾರಿ ಅಧ್ಯರ್ಪಣೆ
- ವಾಹನದ ರಹದಾರಿ ನವೀಕರಣ
- ವಾಹನಕ್ಕೆ ವಿಶೇಷ ರಹದಾರಿ ಕೋರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ
- ವಾಹನಕ್ಕೆ ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕ ರಹದಾರಿ ಕೋರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ
- ವಾಹನ ಮಾಲೀಕರ/ ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರ ಹೊಂದಿರುವವರ ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯನ್ನು ತಂತ್ರಾಂಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಉನ್ನತೀಕರಿಸುವುದು

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Schools shouldn't cut sports hrs: Child rights body member

BENGALURU, DHNS: A senior member of the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) K T Thippeswamy has requested the Department of School Education and Literacy to instruct schools not to cut down hours dedicated to sports, physical education and extra curricular activities.

In a letter to the department, he said, during his visit to schools across the state, he found that many schools were conducting classes during the hours dedicated for sports and physical education.

Thippeswamy requested the department to issue instructions to make it mandatory to conduct sports and other extra curricular activities as per the rules and the school schedule and not conduct classroom teaching during those hours.

In his letter, he said that during his interaction with students he had realised that they, specifically SSLC students, were not allowed to play even for 30 minutes a day and it was causing stress.

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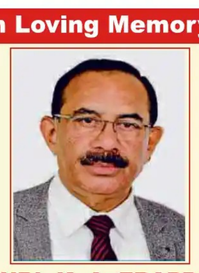

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Firewall in place, yet middlemen meddle with med seat allottees' data

Pvt college agents dial students in mgmt quota list, offer fee rebate

RASHMI BELUR
BENGALURU, DHNS

The menace of middlemen working for private medical colleges in the state seems far from being over.

Several candidates who have been allotted medical seats under the management quota in the provisional results of the mop-up round allotment announced by the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) recently are receiving calls from individuals claiming to be college agents, offering discounts on the announced fees.

This even as KEA had introduced face ID recognition in seat allotment process for students this year to curb malpractices.

The agents are reportedly trying to convince candidates to confirm admissions and offering to arrange a meeting with management members to discuss fee discounts.

One of the candidates who got a call from an unknown number from a person said to be the agent for most private medical colleges said, "I was surprised to get a call with a voluntary fee discount. I discussed the same with my parents and we decided not to fall for such traps".

"When the fees were announced by colleges and we are supposed to pay it at KEA, how can agents get us discounts?," said a parent.

These agents reportedly existed even before the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) was introduced.

"After the introduction of NEET, even management quota seats are being allocated through counselling by the state government authority (KEA) based on the merit of students. Earlier, these agents used to work for colleges to bring students from other states for admissions under the management quota," said a former vice-chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS).

An expert said colleges operate through agents mainly to prevent seats from going vacant.

"If the student does not report to the college or cancels the seat and if the college fails to get a replacement, that seat will be vacant. To avoid losing a student and fees, colleges give offers," he said.

As per data from KEA, there were no medical seats left vacant in the last two years, even under the management quota.

"There were four seats vacant last year after the mop-up round, but as per directions, we conducted a stray vacancy round and filled those seats," said H Prasanna, executive director of KEA.

This year, according to provisional results of the mop-up round, 30 seats in two colleges were not chosen by students.

Puzzling info pilferage

Parents and candidates questioned as to how their information was leaked.

"It was a provisional result and my question is how did details like my phone number were leaked?" a student said.

To avoid misuse of students' personal details, KEA had introduced face ID recognition from this year. But information getting leaked despite these measures has baffled one and all.

BSWML to 'return' garbage to homes of habitual litterbugs

NAVEEN MENEZES
BENGALURU, DHNS

With garbage black spots mushrooming across the city, the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) has come under criticism for failing to prevent littering in public places despite employing marshals.

To send a strong message, the civic body has come up with a novel plan of dumping garbage back at the homes of habitual offenders.

Beginning Thursday, BSWML will begin returning waste collected from black spots by tracing the houses of offenders as part of an awareness and enforcement drive.

Karee Gowda, CEO of BSWML, described the initiative as a "last resort".

"Despite awareness drives and fines, people continue to litter without handing it over to our vehicles. This move is meant to hold them accountable," he said.

Marshals were deployed in all wards to identify repeat violators and video record them at the time of dumping the waste for evidence.

Officials said the habitual litterbugs were identified only in places where the door-to-door waste collection is robust.

While BSWML believes the move will act as a deterrent, especially among households who are yet to understand the importance of waste segregation and cleanliness, experts want the authorities to address loopholes in the existing waste collection system, too.

They cite a shortage of auto tippers in some Assembly segments, irregular collection timings and instances where garbage vehicles skip houses that require drivers to wait or take a longer route.

There are also instances when drivers of auto tippers decline to collect some type of waste such as thermocol, tender coconut, broken glass pieces, etc.

So far, BSWML has identified at least one habitual offender in all 198 wards, but this represents only a fraction of the problem.

Much of the illegal dumping occurs at night or from moving vehicles, which often goes undetected.

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2nd airport, reopening HAL facility to figure at B'luru civil aviation meet

Prepare state civil aviation dossier, ministry tells K'taka

BENGALURU, DHNS

Updates on Bengaluru's second international airport and the reopening of the HAL airport are to be discussed at the southern region ministers' conference on civil aviation in Bengaluru on October 30.

The conference, with a focus on innovation, connectivity and innovations, will see participation of representatives from Karnataka, AP, Kerala, TN, Lakshadweep, Telangana and Puducherry.

It aims to bring together states/union territories, aviation stakeholders and industry leaders to focus on: Enhancing regional air connectivity, unlocking opportunities in greenfield airports, helicopters, small aircraft, seaplanes, drones, MRO sector and exploring new avenues for economic development via tourism, skill development and employment opportunities, says the invite from the Minister of Civil Aviation.

MRO refers to maintenance, repair and overhaul of aircraft.

Ahead of the conference, the state government has been instructed to prepare a state civil aviation dossier, highlighting sectoral opportunities and growth areas in the state, key challenges and expectations from the ministry of civil aviation and areas of interest for one-on-one meetings with industry stakeholders.

"Some clarifications are required before the ministry shares the feasibility report (for second airport). Since land is to be provided by the state, a thorough check has to be done to ensure the project does not get stuck due to land issues. The nod from forest department is important. The issue of reopening HAL airport is also to be discussed," civil aviation ministry sources told *DH*, adding that CM Siddaramaiah was likely to speak at the meet.

"The ministry will likely approve both the proposed locations. Post that, it is up to the state government to conduct its own study," he said.

The Airports Authority of India had conducted an on-site feasibility study of three locations proposed for Bengaluru's second airport in April this year. But the state government is yet to receive the report.

The Airports Authority of India had conducted an on-site feasibility study of three locations proposed for the second airport — two adjacent land parcels on Kanakapura Road near Harohalli, of 4,800 acres and 5,000 acres, and a 5,200-acre area on Kunigal Road near Nelamangala — in April.

Despite AAI submitting its findings to the ministry on June 23, the report is yet to reach the state government.

Industries Minister M B Patil, who has been invited by Minister for Civil Aviation Rammohan Naidu for the conference, said Bengaluru's second airport was on top of the state's civil aviation dossier.

"We've provided all necessary details, documents and clarifications. There is no logical reason for the union ministry to delay the AAI report any further. If it is being delayed, they need to specify the reason," said Patil.

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2	114/6	06 Guntas including 0.12 Guntas of karab land out of 01 Acre 06 Guntas	**E:** Road, **W:** Land in Survey No.114/5 **N:** Land in Survey No.113 **S:** Remaining portion of land in Survey No.114/6	Mrs. Archana B.N Raj d/o B.N Nagaraj.
3	113/3	2.08 Guntas	**E:** Road, **W:** Land in Survey No. 113/4 **N:** Land in Survey No.113/2 **S:** Land in Sy No.114/6	Mr. C Ashwin S/o D.V Cheluvaraju
4	113/4	2.12 Guntas including 0.4 guntas of karab land	**E:** Land in Survey No.113/3 **W:** Land in Survey No.113/2 **N:** Land in Survey No.113/2 **S:** Land in Survey No.114/5 and 114/6	Mr. D.V Murali s/o N Venkata swamy Reddy
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I, GURUPRASAD H K, S/o. Hemanagowda, have changed my name to GURUPRASADA HEMANAGOWDA KADURA vide affidavit dated 23/10/2025 before notary M. Rajendra, Bangalore.

PRASHANT KERUR #509, Vishwotthama Apartment, JP Nagar near Jambusavaridinne Bus Stand, Bengaluru-83, have changed my name to PRASHANT GURURAJ KERUR Vide affidavit dated-25/10/2025.

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TRUPTHI #4, 1st Floor 17th Cross 23rd Main Ayodhyanagar, JP Nagar 5th Phase Bengaluru-78, Have changed my name to TRUPTHI Y vide affidavit dated- 25/10/2025

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Remya Rethy @ Remya Rajammal,** residing at Jai Bharathi Signature, Dodda Kempaiah Layout, Near Kalkere Petrol Bunk, Kalkere, Horamavu, Bengaluru-560043, declare that the above names pertain to me only & henceforth I shall be known as **REMYA RETHY** vide affidavit dated 23.10.2025 before notary Uday Kumar K, Bengaluru.

I,REVATHY SUBRAMANIAN W/o.Subramanian G. residing at Flat No.411, Tower-3, Deccan Habitat Apartments, Raghavendra Layout, Pipeline Road, Next to National Public School, Yeshwanthpura, Bengaluru-560022, have changed my name from REVATHY SUBRAMANIAN to REVATHY V.S. vide affidavit dated:25.10.2025 before Notary, Chandrakala, Bengaluru. Henceforth I shall be called REVATHY V.S. only in all documents.

37-day Kannada book fest by Rashtrotthana Sahitya from Nov 1

Cultural, literary events, competitions lined up

BENGALURU, DHNS

The fifth edition of Kannada Pustaka Habba (book festival), organised by Rashtrotthana Sahitya, is set to transform the 'Keshavashilpa sabhanghana' in Kempegowdanagar here into a literary and cultural hub for 37 days, starting from November 1 to December 7.

The expo, which will display between 40,000 to 50,000 book titles, aims to promote national literature and culture among Bengalureans.

The festival will be inaugurated by Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, MP and scion of the erstwhile Mysuru royal family, on November 1.

According to K S Narayana, treasurer of Rashtrotthana Parishat, the exhibition and sale will be open daily from 10 am to 9 pm. Visitors can avail discounts from 10% to 50% on publications from Rashtrotthana Sahitya as well as books from 100-150 other leading Kannada publishers.

Rashtrotthana Sahitya, which began its journey in 1965, has so far published 306 books and an additional 610 under 'Bharatha-Bharathi Pustaka Sampada' project.

Editor Vighneshwara noted the continuing high demand for their early publications like 'Ranavilya', 'Ajeya', and 'Adamya', adding that spiritual books are also seeing increased readership.

Also, they have digitalised all books from their publication and are available online. A large section dedicated to children's books will be a key feature, he said.

Beyond book sales, the festival is slated to host a variety of cultural and literary programmes including: music, dance, yakshagana, folklore, solo percussion, comedy, magic, instrumental ensembles, harikathe, gamaka, drama, ashtavadhana (literary performance where an artiste simultaneously juggles with and responds to eight different questions from eight scholars) and percussion concert every evening, in collaboration with Sanskara Bharathi.

Artistes like Sangeetha Katti, Pandit Fayaz Khan and Vidyabhushana will perform.

The organisers have planned special competitions for college and school students, including essay writing, debate, 'Kannada prose and verse reading competition' and a 'speech competition' for children.

The 'Mankuthimmana Kagga' recitation competition to mark literary giant D V Gundappa's 50th death anniversary is also planned. Entry to the festival is free.

Former minister Khuba gets notice for Rs 25.3-cr fine

KALABURAGI, DHNS: The Kalagi tahsildar has issued a notice to former union minister Bhagwanth Khuba, directing him to pay a fine of Rs 25.3 crore in connection with alleged illegal stone mining at Vaccha village.

According to officials, Khuba had got permission to carry out stone mining in two acres of land between July 19, 2014, and July 18, 2019. But, it was alleged that mining was conducted beyond the leased area. The complaint in this regard was filed by Sanjeev Kumar Javakar.

A joint survey by the Assistant Director of Land Records and the Department of Mines and Geology confirmed that about 7.19 lakh metric tonnes of stone had been illegally extracted and transported. Despite the tahsildar issuing multiple notices for payment of fine & royalty, the BJP leader reportedly failed to respond.

Relationship born of mutual volition can't be an offence: HC

BENGALURU, DHNS

A relationship born of mutual volition, even if it founders in disappointment, cannot, save in the clearest of cases, be transmuted into an offence under the criminal law, the Karnataka High Court has said in a recent judgement.

Justice M Nagaprasanna said this while quashing the proceedings on charges of rape against a 23-year-old youth from Bengaluru.

The petitioner and complainant woman had got acquainted through a dating app 'Bumble' for over a year and later got back in touch on Instagram. They continued to exchange photographs, videos and chats and decided to meet in person. On August 11, 2024, they met over lunch and decided to take a room. According to the complainant, though she withdrew her consent midway, the petitioner nevertheless had physical intimacy with her. The next day, the petitioner dropped the complainant back at her apartment.

JUSTICE M NAGAPRASANNA
Judge, Karnataka HC

"A relationship born of mutual volition, even if it founders in disappointment, cannot, save in the clearest of cases, be transmuted into an offence under the criminal law. If the present prosecution were permitted to meander into a trial, it would be nothing but a ritualistic procession towards miscarriage of justice and indeed become an abuse of the process of the law (sic)

On August 13, 2024, after feeling certain physical discomfort, the complainant got herself examined at a hospital and realised that she was a victim of sexual assault. The same day, she filed a complaint with the police. After registering a crime for offence under section 64 of the BNS, for the commission of rape, the police arrested the petitioner and subsequently filed the charge sheet after investigation.

Challenging the charge sheet, the petitioner contended that the photographs and chat excerpts would clearly demonstrate the falsity of the claim made by the complainant. According to the petitioner, the investigating officer has deliberately not made these facts a part of the charge sheet. The petitioner filed a memo along with documents before the court.

On the other hand, the Additional State Public Prosecutor submitted that the petitioner had indulged in sexual assault on the complainant. It was stated that BNS has the provision to punish in cases of sex on the promise of marriage. Though this is not a case of promise of marriage, whether it was consensual or not is a matter of trial and hence the petitioner should come out clean in a full-blown trial, the state argued.

After perusing the material, the court observed that the chats would only indicate that the acts between the petitioner and complainant are all consensual. The court also cited the Apex Court judgments wherein the top court has nuanced the distinction between consensual intimacy and the grave allegations of rape.

'Change of guard' speculations affecting governance: HM

BENGALURU, DHNS: Home Minister G Parameshwara on Monday said "daily confusion" over leadership change and Cabinet reshuffle was impacting governance.

"First, the discussion was on power sharing. Then, Cabinet reshuffle. Now, it's about leadership change again. If there's daily confusion, won't it impact administration? All this must stop for good governance. We must focus on administration," Parameshwara added.

"If we must end criticism over floods in North Karnataka and potholes on city roads, we must ensure that administration becomes efficient," the minister said.

During the day, Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi urged the Congress high command to clarify on the leadership-change issue.

Satish dismisses talk of 'Nov revolution'

BENGALURU, DHNS: Playing down speculations about 'November revolution' and major political changes in Karnataka, Minister Satish Jarkiholi on Monday said the Congress high command would not let any such upheaval take place.

"I have said it many times, I'm not aware of it. It will be decided at the level of the Chief Minister, Deputy CM and party high command. I'm not aware of it, so I cannot say anything about it," Jarkiholi said, responding to a question regarding the cabinet reshuffle and power sharing with leadership change. He told reporters, "There is a party, and there is the high command. Why will they let any revolution happen?"

Zameer announces housing scheme for lawyers

BENGALURU, DHNS: Housing Minister B Z Zameer Ahmed Khan announced on Monday that a separate housing scheme would be formed for lawyers either through the Karnataka Housing Board or the Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation.

According to a press note, Zameer made the announcement after Advocates' Association president Vivek Reddy and Additional Advocate General Ismail Zabiulla met the minister and submitted a memorandum seeking sites or a dedicated housing complex for lawyers who do not own homes.

The minister responded to the appeal by instructing officials of the Housing Board and the Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation to identify suitable land for the construction of a housing complex.

Siddu camp pushes 'Ahinda' plank to block DKS' ambition

Fans of Parameshwara, Muniyappa bat for 'Dalit CM'

ANALYSIS

BHARATH JOSHI
BENGALURU, DHNS

As the power struggle in Congress unravels, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's camp is perceptibly preparing the ground for either him to retain the top job or get someone from the 'Ahinda' stables to replace him.

When Siddaramaiah's son, Yathindra, pitched Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi, an ST, as his father's ideological successor, it was seen as the stiffening of the argument that power must vest within the Ahinda fold.

The Ahinda - a political grouping comprising minorities, backward classes and Dalits - has been Siddaramaiah's electoral edifice.

Political pundits agree that under Siddaramaiah's Ahinda strategy, the prospects of his deputy D K Shivakumar, a Vokkaliga, gets scuttled.

Siddaramaiah, who belongs to the backward Kuruba community, was expelled from JD(S) in 2005, and one of the triggers was that he moved to mobilise Ahinda without the party's banner. The two-time chief minister carried his Ahinda credentials into Congress.

"We've been part of Ahinda for 30 years. We were part of it in JD(S) and even in Congress," Satish said on Monday, implying that 'Ahinda' goes beyond party lines.

"Siddaramaiah, H C Mahadevappa, G Parameshwara, Mallikarjun Kharge... we're all a part of this. Our vision will continue going forward."

Yathindra's statement was seen as a move to float Satish's name for the chief minister's post. But Satish specified that Yathindra was referring to leadership of the 'Ahinda' bloc and not that of the government. "That an Ahinda chief minister should lead the Congress government will be decided in the days to come. But right now, we already have a CM," Satish said, brushing aside buzz that Siddaramaiah will be replaced.

There is also talk that Yathindra's statement has not augured well within the CM's camp, where some are unwilling to accept Satish as their leader.

Meanwhile, the call for a Dalit CM is back. On Monday, a federation of Dalit organisations asked Congress to consider a Dalit if Siddaramaiah is replaced. Even Home Minister G Parameshwara, a chief ministerial aspirant himself, backed the demand.

The home minister's supporters gathered outside his residence on Monday and raised slogans, hailing him as the next chief minister.

Asked about Food & Civil Supplies Minister K H Muniyappa's supporters in Shivamogga hailing him as the next CM, Parameshwara said: "Muniyappa is a 7-time MP, which isn't a joke.

He's a senior leader. He's capable and eligible. If Muniyappa becomes CM, I'll be happy. We belong to the same (Dalit) class. We'll be happy when the oppressed class becomes the ruling class".

Guha explores Gandhi's enduring influence

ASHWIN B M
BENGALURU, DHNS

Historian and biographer Ramachandra Guha captivated a packed audience at Sabha Blr on Monday with a talk titled 'Getting to Know Gandhi,' offering a personal journey into the life and complexities of Mahatma Gandhi.

The event, organised by RBANM's Educational Charities in collaboration with Servants of Knowledge, also featured an exhibition of rare Gandhi photographs.

Guha, whose comprehensive two-volume biography of 'Gandhi; Gandhi Before India and Gandhi: The Years That Changed the World' is considered definitive, detailed the long path that led him to dedicate years of his life to the Mahatma.

He revealed that his interest was initially sparked by the work of anthropologist Verrier Elwin, who shared complex relationship with Gandhi.

He spoke of Gandhi's enduring influence—from the Chipko movement leaders in the Himalayas who called themselves Gandhis to discovering 40 references to Gandhi while researching his cricket history, A Corner of a Foreign Field.

A turning point, Guha said, was witnessing the deep, polarising hatred Gandhi still evoked decades after his death. He cited two 1990s incidents: Gandhi follower Sushila Nayar was heckled for promoting Hindu-Muslim unity during the Ayodhya dispute, while a captured Naxalite leader Konda Kani Sitharamayya admitted travelling 800 miles just to spit on Gandhi's mug at Sevagram.

This profound animosity from both the fundamentalist Right and the revolutionary Left intrigued the historian in Guha, spurring the mammoth biographical undertaking.

Guha also shared the 'Three Laws of Biography' imparted by a mentor, Nicholas Boyle: never anticipate the subject's life, look for sources other than the subject's own writings and flesh out secondary characters.

He humorously concluded by reminiscing about being approached to write a biography on industrialist Gautam Adani, with a friend jokingly suggesting the title, "Adani After Gandhi." Guha announced his next work on the subject, Arguments with Gandhi.

GAME ON

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah tries his hand at badminton after inaugurating the Chief Minister's Mangalore India International Challenge 2025 badminton tournament at New Urwa indoor stadium in Mangaluru on Monday. DH PHOTO/FAKRUDDIN H

Human-animal conflict: Khandre directs formation of task force

GUNDLUPET (CHAMARAJANAGAR DIST), DHNS: Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre has instructed the officials to form a state-level wildlife-human conflict management task force comprising local representatives, NGOs, and environmental experts.

The minister held an emergency meeting with high-level officers following two tiger attack incidents, that claimed a life of the farmer and left another seriously injured in Saragur taluk, Mysuru district.

"The task force should create awareness among people in the villages near the forest about coexistence with animals and precautionary measures to be taken. Besides, the task force should act as a bridge between the authorities and the villagers," he said.

The minister said that the authorities should follow Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) during the rescue operation of wild animals such as tiger, leopard and elephant. Information on safety measures should be uploaded on social media.

A command centre will be established to send Whatsapp messages, he said. The minister directed the Chief Wildlife Warden to submit a proposal for tentacle fencing, installation of solar wire fences, elephant trenches and chain link fencing for railway barricades. Frontline personnel should be appointed on outsourced basis. A report should be submitted within five days on the measures to control wildlife spreading from forest, the minister said.

He also assured that action will be taken after reviewing the report on the exploitation of King Cobra, in the name of research in Malnad region.

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Govt mulls bill on menstrual leaves for working women

SUJAY B M
BENGALURU, DHNS

The Labour Department is considering introducing a law to enforce the policy of menstrual leaves for working women, which the Cabinet approved recently.

As per the policy, all menstruating women working across government and private sectors will be entitled to one menstrual leave per month. An 18-member committee headed by Dr Sapna S of Christ Deemed-to-be University had recommended six days leave per year, which was enhanced to 12 by the government.

"We will issue a government order (GO) first. We have already proposed a bill and are considering preparing it if need be," Labour Minister Santosh Lad told *DH*.

Sources in the department feel that a bill is necessary, as a GO, which isn't an Act, will not have the same legal sanctity and can be struck down by the courts.

Commission drafts bill

The Law Commission of Karnataka has drafted the Karnataka Menstrual Leave and Hygiene Bill, 2025. As per a copy of the Bill, which *DH* has accessed, the definition of "menstruating person" includes girls, women and transgender persons.

The Bill mandates menstrual leave for both working women and menstruating students, unlike the policy, which only dealt with working women.

As per the Bill, menstruating persons who are studying or employed can take up to 2 days off per month either consecutively or intermittently, provided the overall menstrual leaves per year doesn't exceed 12 days.

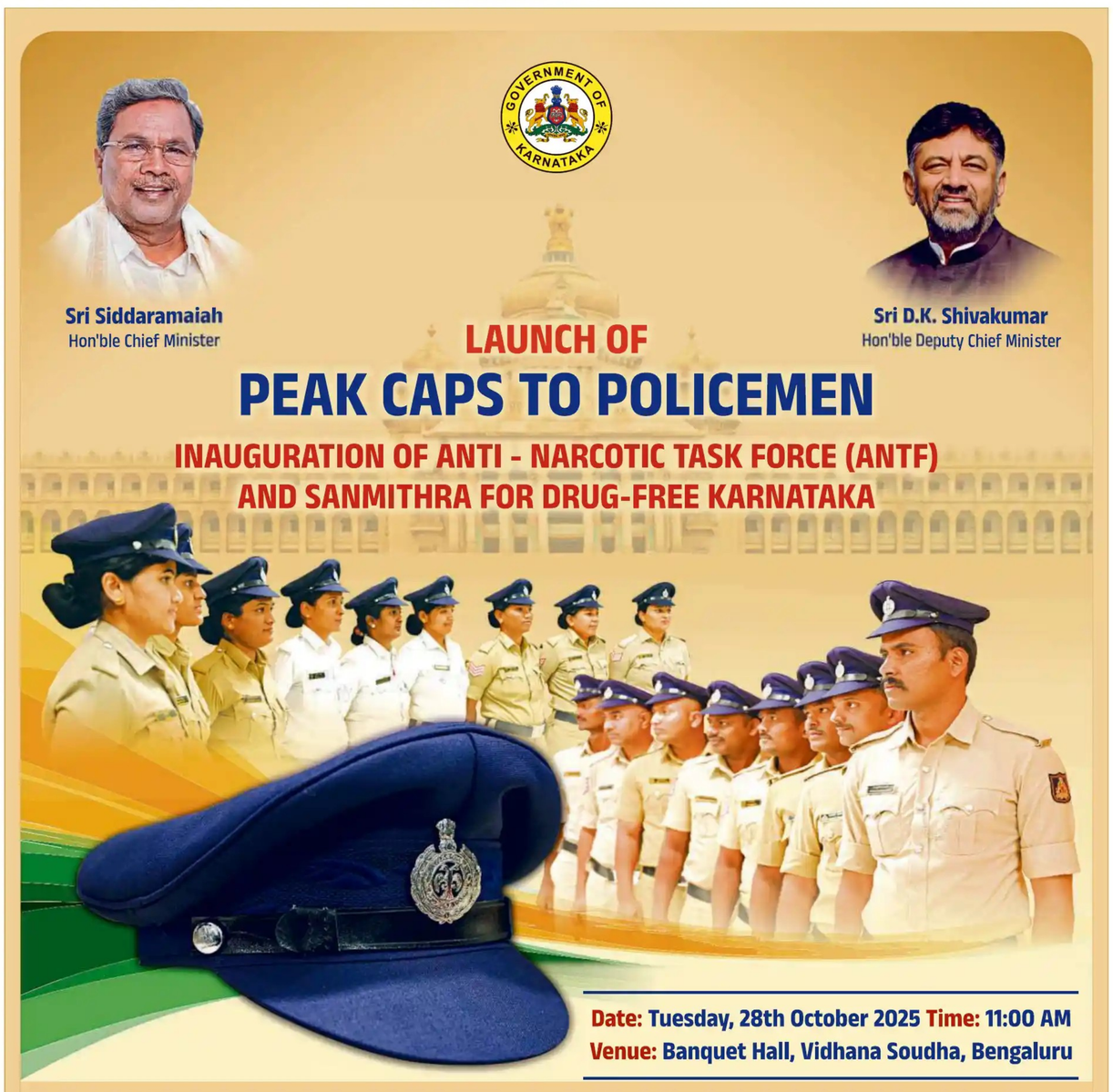
The Bill proposes establishing the Karnataka Menstrual Leave and Hygiene Authority, which shall redress grievances arising from complaints received from menstruating persons.

However, there are concerns about whether one single authority for the entire state will be feasible, with some sources opining that district-level grievance redressal committees will be more beneficial.

The Bill penalises denying leave to a menstruating person by imposing a penalty of Rs 5,000 for each contravention of the provisions of the Act.

Sources in the Labour Department feel the Bill may have to be modified, since some provisions (including menstruating students) go above the jurisdiction of the department, which only covers working persons. Any Bill that covers non-working women will need approval from other departments.

There's also an opinion that if only working women are considered, necessary amendments to the Karnataka Shops and Commercial Establishments Act and Factories Act will suffice instead of a Bill.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Indians in Dubai use Hong Kong hackers to steal Rs 49 cr from Bengaluru loan provider

BENGALURU, DHNS

Two Indians based in Dubai employed hackers from Hong Kong to break into a non-banking financial company (NBFC) and swindle Rs 49 crore, police officers said.

Officials from the cybercrime police station on Monday announced the arrests of Sanjay Patel, 43, from Udaipur, Rajasthan, and Ismail Rasheed Attar, 27, from Belagavi.

The men are believed to be part of a group that hacked into the servers of Whizdm Finance Private Limited and carried out unauthorised fund transfers. The NBFC provides instant loans of up to Rs 5 lakh on its Moneyview app, investigations revealed.

Police had launched the investigation on August 9 based on a complaint filed by a senior manager at Whizdm Finance.

The FIR notes that a series of unauthorised and suspicious financial transfers were carried out from the company's bank accounts in just 2.5 hours on the intervening night of August 6 and 7.

The company's internal investigations revealed that these transactions were not carried out from its official systems or registered IP addresses. They instead originated from foreign IP addresses, and approximately Rs 47 crore was illegally transferred from the company's accounts to other bank accounts. Further police investigations revealed an additional loss of Rs 2 crore.

Technical investigators, led by Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime-2) Raja Imam Kasim, showed that 1,782 transfers were made from the company's bank accounts to 656 different bank accounts across India.

One SBI account that received Rs 27.39 lakh belonged to Patel, a high-school dropout working as a plumber in Udaipur. He was arrested on September 25.

Investigators further unearthed another Rs 5.5 crore transferred to a bank account in the name of 'Unknown Technologies Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad' and later routed to an ICICI Bank account belonging to another individual. Police found the transactions were conducted via an IP address belonging to Webyne Data Centre, which provides server hosting services.

On October 9, police arrested Attar, a digital marketer who offers online freelance services.

Further investigations revealed that the two Indians based in Dubai had contacted Attar via Telegram and rented five servers he had bought from Webyne.

"Though the servers cost about Rs 1,500 each, the duo rented them for Rs 2,500 apiece. The five IP addresses used by hackers were traced back to these five rented servers," a police officer involved in the investigation told *DH*.

The Dubai-based Indians then hired hackers from Hong Kong, who used Webyne's rented servers to hack into Whizdm, bypass the firewall and make the unauthorised transfers to 656 bank accounts posing as instant loan seekers. Hong Kong-and Lithuania-based IP addresses were used during the hack, according to police.

The Dubai-based Indians, as well as the hackers, are absconding, police said.

"We have recovered Rs 10 crore and are hopeful of recovering the rest," said Seemant Kumar Singh, Bengaluru Police Commissioner.

'Will consider accepting RSS if Dalit woman becomes Sarsanghchalak'

INTERVIEW

A fierce opponent of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), Panchayat Raj and IT/BT Minister **Priyank Kharge** has intensified his ideological war against the Hindu nationalist organisation.

In an interview with DH's **Bharath Joshi**, the minister explains his stance. Excerpts:

Priyank Kharge

What was the provocation for your October 4 letter to the CM seeking a ban on the RSS' activities in public places?

I was getting lots of calls from government hostels. Students said they needed to attend the RSS' centenary celebration. My question to the boys was, 'You've come from your villages to study in a hostel. Why are you doing all this?' They said they had been approached (by RSS) and that they were asked to attend the centenary events. I asked students if they knew the RSS drill. They said yes and that they were being taught about religion, bordering on radicalisation. Their uniforms had been stitched. I was shocked. These boys have come from abject poverty. Extracurricular activities don't mean this. They're being brainwashed.

On October 18, the government issued an order making 'prior permission' mandatory for any private organisations to use public places. Won't this hamper the activities of organisations that have no political links?

Let's say you have a family function outside your house. You want to serve food on the road. Don't you seek permission to block roads and get the nod from neighbours? Why can't these (RSS) people do that? Why was Freedom Park designated as the place of protest by the High Court? Because of public inconvenience. We (Congress) wanted to do a march against 'Vote Chori'. But the advocate-general reminded us about the HC order. Why don't they (RSS) follow the law of the land? Why are such institutions above the law?

You further sought action on government employees from associating with or participating in RSS events. Your department suspended one PDO for participating in an RSS event on October 12, a Sunday. This was seen as a witch hunt.

The Karnataka Civil Services (Conduct) Rules bar employees from associating with a political organisation. So, I'm not the one saying this. When my rules are very clear, why are they participating, regardless of Sunday or Monday? I've asked the government to implement the rules in letter and spirit. Also, it has been openly claimed that the BJP is the RSS' political wing. So, how can government employees participate in their events?

You've repeatedly criticised the RSS for following a caste hierarchy. Can you elaborate?

In the 100 years of RSS' history, show me one person belonging to socially disempowered communities being an office-bearer at the highest level. In cases filed against RSS for communal disturbances, please look at the communities that the accused persons belong to. When Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri was the Speaker, he told me in the Assembly that one day, Muslims and Dalits would embrace the RSS. To this, I said, and I still say, that I'd consider accepting the RSS' philosophy if a Dalit woman became the Sarsanghachalak.

The RSS has said that Dr BR Ambedkar visited an RSS shakha at Karad, Satara (Maharashtra) on January 2, 1940. Apparently, Ambedkar viewed RSS with a sense of affinity.

The problem with RSS, BJP and that ecosystem is that they come from the WhatsApp University. RSS can't name 10 solid things it has done for the country. They say they've helped flood victims. Any organisation with a humanitarian interest, like the Lions Club, will do that. It is claimed that the RSS was invited to the Republic Day parade during the Indo-China War. In fact, Jawaharlal Nehru wrote to Sardar Patel on why RSS people had come. But such information has become a stamp of the RSS' 100 years of history.

By going after the RSS, you're being seen as positioning yourself as an ideologically suitable candidate for the chief minister's post.

It's not that my ideology has taken shape now. I was taught the Buddha, Basava, and Ambedkar philosophies at home. Coincidentally, it's the 100th year of RSS. I'm asking about their existence. I'm asking where they're getting funds from. How does Mr Mohan Bhagwat pay for his expenses? If it is volunteer-driven, how many are there? Every temple is required to show accounts. When even God is accountable, why not RSS? After all, it's the world's largest non-governmental organisation, according to the prime minister.

(Visit deccanherald.com for the full interview)

Stage set for periodic bus fare hikes as govt plans regulatory panel

BENGALURU, DHNS

Paving the way for more frequent bus fare revisions, the Transport Department has notified the Karnataka Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Rules, 2025, to set up a Public Transport Fare Regulatory Committee (PTFRC) along the lines of the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC).

The department has inserted Chapter 5A in the Karnataka Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989. The final notification was issued in the gazette on October 24.

The committee, headed by a retired additional chief secretary or high court judge, will study the financial conditions of the state's four Road Transport Corporations (RTCs) and suggest periodic fare revisions, surcharges and fees.

It will have a three-year term, meet at least once every three months and submit an annual report to the government and RTCs for tabling in the legislature between April 1 and December 31 every year.

Of the committee's two members, one will be a retired principal secretary/secretary with legal qualifications and the other an industry or financial expert.

The managing director of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) will serve as the member-secretary, collating data from RTCs, being their voice before the committee and managing the members' administrative needs, including their pay and perks.

While the committee will do its own calculations before recommending the hike, sources indicated that the revision would be 2-3%, or up to 5%. It will consider costs of diesel, spare parts, maintenance, bus purchase and salaries before recommending the hikes. The committee members are expected to be nominated by the chief minister by year-end.

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy had told *DH* earlier that the fares would be revised every two years, much like how the KERC revises power tariffs.

"A small increase every two years will not burden the public much. Periodic revisions will help RTCs remain sustainable," he had said.

Reddy noted that bus fares are often not revised due to political consiserations. For instance, BMTC fares were revised in 2014 and then only in 2025.

D'sthala: HM directs SIT to submit report

BENGALURU, DHNS: Home Minister G Parameshwara on Monday said he had directed the SIT to submit the final report in the Dharmasthala mass burial case.

"SIT had said that they will submit final investigation report in October. They may file it by October 31. There may be a delay of a day or two," he told reporters here. "They (SIT) said that they will give the report after forensically analysing the identified skeletal remains along with chemical analysis reports," he said.

In July, the government formed the SIT, headed by DGP Pronab Mohanty, after a witness, later identified as Chinnayya, alleged that between 1995 and 2014, he was forced to bury several bodies. He said the victims appeared to have been sexually assaulted and murdered.

Sujatha Bhat appears before SIT, 4 seek time

Complainant Sujatha Bhat appeared before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the mass burial case in Dharmasthala on Monday, following a notice issued to her.

She had earlier claimed that her daughter, Ananya Bhat, a medical student, went missing from Dharmasthala in 2003.

However, the remaining four individuals — Mahesh Shetty Thimarody, Girish Mattannavar, T Jayant, and Vittal Gowda — failed to appear in person. An advocate representing them visited the SIT office in Belthangady and sought additional time for their clients to appear before the investigation team.

Debt-ridden contractor dies by suicide

HUVINA HADAGALI (VIJAYANAGARA DISTRICT), DHNS: Anand Umesh Hegde (40), a hotelier and civil contractor from Hubballi, ended his life by hanging himself from window grills on his lodge room at Huvina Hadagali in Vijayanagara district on Sunday. The incident came into light on Monday

Anand Hegde

According to the police, Anand Hegde used to visit Huvina Hadagali frequently as his civil construction company had bagged the contract for development and renovation of taluk stadium. He arrived in Huvina Hadagali on Sunday morning and checked into a lodge in the town.

When the family members of Hegde received no response to repeated calls on Monday. They alerted the hotel staff. The staff, along with the police broke open the door and discovered Hegde's body hanging from window grill on Monday morning, the police said.

According to a complaint lodged by Parameshwara Hegde, a relative, "Anand Hegde had taken loans to the tune of Rs 85 lakh from various private finance companies. He was being pressured by the finance companies to repay debt. Upset over constant pressure, Anand might have committed suicide." Anand Hegde, a resident of Bhavani Nagar in Hubballi, is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter. The police have registered a case and investigation is underway.

VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah administers the pledge to the government employees at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru as part of the Vigilance Awareness Week on Monday.

◆ WEATHER ◆

Overview: Rainfall occurred at many places over South Interior and North Interior Karnataka and most places over Coastal Karnataka

Forecast Oct 28: Rainfall to occur at some places over the state.

INTERIOR NORTH			
Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Belagavi	27.4	20.4	3.5
Bidar	30	21	00
Vijayapura	30.2	20.8	14
Dharwad	27	20	00
Haveri	26.2	21	6.6
Kalaburagi	30.8	23.2	01
Raichur	30.4	23	0.8
COASTAL			
Honnavar	27.1	22.5	80.5
Karwar	27	23.2	71
Shirali	NA	NA	NA
Mangaluru	31.7	23.1	28.7

INTERIOR SOUTH			
Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Agumbe	27.9	21.2	8.5
Bengaluru	29.1	21.3	00
Ballari	NA	NA	NA
Chamarajanagar	NA	NA	NA
Chikkamagaluru	NA	NA	NA
Chitradurga	29.4	20.8	0.2
Davangere	31	20.5	1.2
Hassan	32.6	NA	15
Mysuru	30	19	00
Madikeri	NA	NA	NA
Kolar	NA	NA	NA

OTHER STATIONS			
New Delhi	33.1	17.3	00
Kolkata	33.7	25.3	00
Mumbai	31.3	24.5	23
Chennai	31	25.2	02
Pune	30.8	21.7	13
Hyderabad	30.4	22.5	00
Th'puram	32.3	24.2	00

After Bihar, EC to conduct SIR in 12 states, UTs

SIR, from Page 1

On questions about West Bengal, where the ruling Trinamool Congress has raised objections to the exercise and Kerala demanding postponement citing upcoming local body polls, Kumar said the EC is doing its Constitutional duty by carrying out the SIR and state governments would discharge their Constitutional obligations. He also said the notification for local body polls has not been issued.

Voters who have their names or their relatives' names in the electoral rolls prepared after the SIR between 2002 and 2004 can match it with the latest and such electors need not provide documents to prove their eligibility.

While in Bihar, voters had the option of linking their names with their parents, this time a relative's name can also be given.

In the second phase, notices would be issued to all voters whose names could not be matched or linked with the last SIR conducted in their states. Electoral Registration Officers will hear such cases and decide on their inclusion or exclusion.

Lalbagh percolation wells lift groundwater level by 4 mt in 4 yrs

Lalbagh, from Page 1

Jagadeesh also said that in many areas inside Lalbagh, soil erosion owing to runoff water has come down.

"The runoff water would come down with force and result in soil erosion in a few areas. Now that the rainwater percolates into the ground, soil erosion has also come down significantly," he said.

Various organisations are working closely with the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) to dig up percolation wells in parks and other open spaces.

So far, in Bengaluru, over 2.5 lakh such wells have been dug up and many more have been planned.

SC favours CBI probe into 'digital arrest' cases

Digital arrest, from Page 1

Explaining the modus operandi of fraudsters, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said sometimes people are lured abroad with promises of employment and once they reach there, they are told that money has been spent on them and they must recover it by generating funds online. Their passports are seized and they become human slaves.

"We will monitor the progress of the CBI investigation, issue whatever directions are necessary," the bench said.

The court asked the CBI to respond whether it needs more resources, including cyber experts who are not in the police force, to investigate 'digital arrest' cases.

The top court fixed the suo motu cases registered based on a complaint of an elderly woman defrauded by fraudsters on November 3.

On October 17, taking note of rising incidents of online frauds in the country, especially 'digital arrests', the top court sought responses of the Centre and the CBI, saying such offences strike at the "very foundation" of public trust in the system.

The suo motu writ petition was taken up following a complaint filed by a senior citizen couple from Ambala, who were defrauded of their life savings through a digital arrest scam that took place between September 3, 2025 and September 16, 2025.

Taking a serious view, the court then said, the fabrication of judicial orders bearing forged signatures of the judges strikes at the very foundation of the public trust in the judicial system besides the rule of law. "Such action constituted direct assault on the dignity of the institution. Such a grave criminal act cannot be treated as an ordinary or routine offence of cheating or cyber crime," the bench said.

Will complete term if...

Siddaramaiah, from Page 1

"I had announced that I won't contest in 2028. But all my friends and well-wishers want me to contest in 2028. They say that the party will benefit. They say my candidature would help the party return to power. I have not seriously decided about this," Siddaramaiah said.

Siddaramaiah's statement is also being seen as damage control following his son Dr Yathindra's statement that his father was in his last political innings, which ran the risk of driving lawmakers away from the incumbent CM.

Siddaramaiah is also favouring a reshuffle of his Cabinet after November 20, when the Congress completes two and a half years in office. "The high command has asked me to reshuffle the Cabinet 3-4 months back. However, I wanted to wait until the government reached the halfway mark. Now, if the high command permits, I will reshuffle the Cabinet," Siddaramaiah said.

Siddaramaiah is slated to visit Delhi for talks with the party's top brass next month.

According to sources, a new formula may be proposed to the high command: appointment of 1-2 more deputy chief ministers and that a Lingayat should replace Shivakumar as the Karnataka Congress president. Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy said the high command would decide by November 30 on Cabinet reshuffle.

Mother kills kids, ends life in Koppal

KUKANUR (KOPPAL DISTRICT), DHNS: A woman hanged her two minor children before taking her life in the same manner at Benakal village in Kukanur taluk on Monday. The deceased are Lakshmavva Bhajantri, 30, her son Ramesh, 4, and daughter Jahnavi, 2. Lakshmavva was married to Hanumappa, a resident of Kakkihalli in Koppal taluk, nine years ago. Even after her marriage, Lakshmavva, along with her husband, continued to stay at her paternal home at Benakal.

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Ph: 0824-2425888 CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425
No: CEE/MZ/SEE(O)/EE(C)/25-26/6706-14 Date: 18.10.2025
TENDER NOTIFICATION (IInd call) (Through KPP Portal Only)
MESCOM Invites tenders for 5 Civil Engineering works (second call) through KPPP portal from registered KPWD Contractors with EPF, ESI & GST registration in accordance with KTPP Act. For details contractors can access through KPPP website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **28.10.2025** further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.
Sd/-, Chief Engineer (Ele.)
DIPR/DK/KSMCA/986/25-26 dt: 27.10.2025
For Power Related Complaints & Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912

HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
Bengaluru-560001
No. CJR/HCRB-1/2024 Date: 24.10.2025
CIVIL JUDGES RECRUITMENT BRIEF NOTIFICATION
The results of the candidates who are Successful, Unsuccessful and Absentees in the Preliminary Examination to the post of Civil Judges is web-hosted in the official website of High Court of Karnataka i.e., **https://judiciary.karnataka.gov.in** which was held on 11.10.2025.
Sd/-
REGISTRAR GENERAL AND SECRETARY,
CIVIL JUDGES RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE.
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, BENGALURU.
DIPR/CP/3441/Zen/2025-26

Government of Karnataka
HINDU RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT
Commissioner's Office, 4th Floor, Minto Sri Anjaneya Bhawan, Aluru Venkatarao Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-18,
Tel: 26709689/ 26706775, Email: endowmentcommissioner@gmail.com.
No:ADM/06/CR.55/2025 Comp.No.1891676 Date: 27.10.2025
Tender Notification
Headquarters Assistant-I, Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments Department, Bangalore-18, invites electronic tenders from eligible bidders for the Tender For Operation And Maintenance Of Canteen Services In Aihole Block In Karnataka State Charities, Tirumala, Andra Pradesh 517-504. Last Date for Submission of Tender through on-line is Before **12-11-2025 at 05:00 P.M** For any further details please login to: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/**
Note: For any further information and announcement regarding this tender please contact office of the Commissioner, Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments, Bangalore and Special officer Karnataka State Charities, Tirumala, Andhra Pradesh.
Sd/- For Commissioner
Hindu Religious Institutions and
Charitable Endowments Department, Bangalore
DIPR/CP/3050/2025-26

Final Public Notification
Landowners / Interested Members of the Public
This is to inform you that land has been acquired for the construction of National Highway 166E from Km 0.00 (Kanamadi) to Km 23.310 (Tikota) in the district of Vijayapura, Karnataka. The highway passes through the villages of Kanamadi, Bijjaragi, Babanagar, and Tikota in Tikota Taluk.
This final memorandum is brought to the notice of the land owners/intertested public.
♦ Award Declaration Date: 31-03-2025
♦ Landowners were previously informed to collect their compensation amount within 60 day
♦ The Land owner is requested to hand over the possession of the said land to the undersigned.

Sl.NO	Project Name	Newspaper Names	Publication Date
1	Widening of NH-166E from Km 0.00 (Kanamadi) to Km 23.310 (Tikota)	"Udayavani" & "Deccan Herald"	10-05-2024

The 120-day deadline for compensation collection ended on 07-09-2024.
Landowners who submitted bank account details have had their compensation amounts credited. For others, the compensation has already been tendered as per the public notice dated 31-03-2025 (Section 3G). You are advised to contact this office immediately to receive your payments.
All landowners and interested parties are hereby requested to immediately hand over possession of the acquired land to the authorized signatories. If not, possession will be taken with police assistance under Section 3E of Sub section (2) of the National Highways Act, 1956.
(1) Kanamadi : 108/2, 108/3, 111, 266, 270/1ಅ,1ಬಿ,2, 1056, 1058, 1063, 1064, 1077, 1114/2ಅ, 1114/2ಬಿ, 1126
(2) Bijjaragi : 3/4 18/1, 23/1, 349/1, 379/3, 379/4, 382/5, 384/3, 389/1, 389/2, 401/5.
(3) Babanagar : 88, 89/1ಬಿ, 89/1ಕ, 91, 105/1ಅ,1ಬಿ,1ಸಿ,1ಡಿ&1ಇ, 296/ಅ/1, 452*, 455/ಅ, 455/ಬಿ, 492/ಅ/1, 492/ಅ/2, 494/ಅ1,ಅ2,ಬಿ,ಸಿ, 537/ಅ,ಬಿ/1,ಬಿ/2,ಸಿ, 541
(4) Tikota : 370/1, 370/2, 370/3, 372(1ಅ/1, 1ಅ/2, 1ಬಿ,4) 692/3, 696/1ಅ, 700/1,2, 707/2, 709/9+10+11, 709+/15, 709/16, 709/17, 709/18, 709/19, 709/22, 709/1ಅ+1ಬಿ+2/5, 711*
Sd/-Assistant Commisioner
and Competent Authority
for Land Acquisition NH-166E,
Vijayapura

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department Division Koppal.
Ph. : 08539 - 222318, E-mail : eepwdkpl2@gmail.com
IFT No. : P.W.D./D.K./T.R./2025-26/2604
Date : 27-10-2025
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers as per **Standard Bid Documents** on **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Portal. **Head of Account : KKRDB GDQ / 2025-26. Two Cover Tender** Procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed.
05 Works (Work Indent No. : 27757, 27765, 27759, 27692 & 27940). Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders : 05-11-2025 Time 16.00, Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bid : 06-11-2025 Time 16.30, Date and Time for Opening of Financial Bid : 10-11-2025 Time 11.00. Minimum & Estimate Maximum Amount : Rs. 300.00 Lakhs & Rs. 500.00 Lakhs respectively.
The Tender Documents can be Downloaded from the above Website Address, EMD, Date & Time for Pre-Bid Meeting, Tender Queries / Clarification, for Reservation of Category & Other Information as mentioned in KPPP Portal. Any changes either in Tender Date or any other Condition Tenderers can view in KPPP Portal.
For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours on **Phone No. 08539 – 222318** and all information regarding tenders can be had from **Website : http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P.W.D., Division, Koppal.
DIPR/Koppal/411/Manipal/2025-26

ROLL CLEANUP: Centre accused of engaging in actions that threaten democratic principles

DMK, allies oppose SIR; call all-party meet on Nov 2

E T B SIVAPRIYAN
CHENNAI, DHNS

Terming the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls as a conspiracy to rob the people of Tamil Nadu of "their right to vote", the ruling DMK-led Secular Progressive Alliance (SPA) on Monday appealed to all political parties to oppose the exercise and be "vigilant" to prevent disenfranchisement of voters.

The SPA, comprising Congress, Left, VCK, MDMK, IUML, and other parties, also convened an all-party meeting on November 2 to discuss the issue threadbare and decide the next course of action. The alliance said while it does not oppose the revision of the electoral rolls, the exercise should not be done hastily and that adequate time must be given.

MK STALIN
Tamil Nadu CM

"To carry out Special Intensive Revision just months before the election, and especially during the monsoon months of November and December, brings serious practical difficulties. To conduct SIR in a hasty and opaque manner is nothing but a conspiracy by the ECI to rob citizens of their rights and help the BJP

However, the opposition parties, such as AIADMK and BJP, are unlikely to participate, as they have welcomed the conduct of SIR and accused the DMK of opposing the exercise only to hide its failures in governance. AIADMK said it "wholeheartedly" welcomes SIR and appealed to the Election Commission of India (ECI) to conduct the exercise transparently.

In a joint statement after an urgent meeting chaired by DMK President and Chief Minister M K Stalin here, the SPA accused the BJP-led Centre of continuously engaging in actions that threaten democratic principles.

"In particular, the functioning of the Election Commission has not only become controversial but also suspicious. The sole responsibility of the Election Commission is to conduct free, fair, transparent, and honest elections," the statement said.

"However, in recent times, the Commission has been conducting questionable elections through arbitrary orders favouring certain interests. The Bihar election stands as a clear example of this," it added.

In a social media post, Stalin said, "We will resist disenfranchisement and defeat vote theft."

The SPA took objection to the exercise being conducted in November and December, during the northeast monsoon season.

"Tasks such as submitting photographs and cross-verifying details on the website will pose hardships for the majority of voters. Even after the Supreme Court's direction, why is the Aadhaar card not accepted as a complete document? Why is our long-standing demand to accept family identity cards as proof being rejected?" the parties asked.

OMAR ABDULLAH
J&K Chief Minister

"There are already apprehensions about SIR in Bihar. It is not clear yet whether there will be any benefits of this exercise for those undertaking it. Let the elections in Bihar be completed, then we will see whether it was beneficial at all. Then we can talk about implementing it in the rest of the country

D RAJA
CPI general secretary

"Its mandate is to ensure free and fair polls and maintain a level playing field. What happened in Bihar during the SIR should be a lesson to the EC itself and not to political parties, on the manner in which EC forced its documents, and the judiciary had to intervene.

TRINAMOOL CONGRESS

"If any attempts are being made to delete the names of any eligible voter, there will be protests. We have no problem with electoral roll revision, but in the name of it, if someone tries to delete the name of any eligible voter at the behest of the BJP, we will protest democratically.

Congress questions poll body's intentions

NEW DELHI, DHNS: As the Election Commission announced the second phase of SIR of electoral rolls in 12 states, Congress on Monday questioned the exercise, alleging that the poll body's "intentions and credibility" were under suspicion.

Congress Media and Publicity Department chairman Pawan Khera said they had not yet received answers to the questions related to the SIR conducted in Bihar so far. He said the situation was such that the Supreme Court had to step in to rectify the SIR in Bihar.

"The intentions of the EC and the BJP, which have made the EC its puppet, regarding Bihar's SIR have already come to light before the entire country. Now they are repeating the exercise in other states," he alleged.

He also referred to the findings of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) on the 'vote theft' in the Aland Assembly constituency in Karnataka and said one will come to know about the details of this after the probe is completed.

CPM general secretary MA Baby said the "arbitrary and unilateral" declaration of SIR is "highly objectionable".

Master class in hypocrisy: BJP on Opposition stand

The BJP on Monday slammed the Congress for questioning the integrity of the Election Commission over the SIR decision and called the Opposition a "herd of dissatisfied souls", alleging that they are targeting the poll panel over voter-list revision to find an excuse for their "impending electoral losses", reports PTI.

It also accused the Opposition of hypocrisy, saying the same parties that have been claiming that SIR is against the Constitution are demanding the revision exercise in some of the states.

BJP spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla said the Opposition parties are like "'asantusht atmaon ka jhund' (herd of dissatisfied souls)' and a "master class in hypocrisy".

"It is evident from the fact that on the one hand they will say that the SIR is for stealing of votes, the SIR is against the Constitution, and it should not be done. On the other hand, the SIR is being demanded by the opposition parties in Maharashtra before the local body polls," Poonawalla said.

Bihar data, Aadhaar in list of documents

NEW DELHI, PTI: The Election Commission has included the voters' list of Bihar published after the special intensive revision and Aadhaar card in the list of indicative documents people will have to submit in the 12 states and Union Territories where the electoral roll cleanup exercise was announced on Monday.

The EC will conduct phase two of the special intensive revision of electoral rolls in 12 states and UTs from Tuesday.

In its instructions issued to the chief electoral officers of the states and UTs, the poll authority said electoral registration officers will issue notices to those electors whose previous SIR electoral roll details provided in the enumeration forms are either not available or do not match the database.

The elector, it said, can provide the documents based on the different categories.

These documents include any identity card or pension payment order issued to a regular employee or pensioner of any central or state government or PSU; any identity card or certificate or document issued in India by the government/local authorities/banks/post office/LIC/PSUs before July 1, 1987.

Birth certificate issued by the competent authority; passport; matriculation or educational certificate issued by recognised boards or universities; permanent residence certificate issued by the competent state authority; forest right certificate; OBC/SC/ST or any caste certificate issued by the competent authority.

Also included in the list are the National Register of Citizens (wherever it exists); the family register, prepared by state or local authorities; any land or house allotment certificate by the government; Aadhaar; and an extract of the electoral roll of Bihar SIR with reference to July 01, 2025.

Explaining the rationale behind including Bihar's electoral roll published after the SIR there in the list of documents for the second phase of the exercise, an official said, "Suppose a person seeking inclusion of a name in the voters' list of one of the 12 states provides an extract of the Bihar list post-SIR having the names of his parents in it, then he won't have to give any additional proof of his citizenship except for the date of birth."

Andhra HC orders CID probe into Tirumala theft case

S N V SUDHIR
HYDERABAD, DHNS

The Andhra Pradesh High Court on Monday ordered a CID inquiry into the Tirumala temple Parakamani theft case and issued directions to ensure accountability.

The court mandated that an officer not below the rank of Director General be appointed as the investigating officer.

The single judge bench of Justice Gannamaneni Ramakrishan Prasad on Monday instructed the CID to probe the role of TTD Board members and officials in the alleged compromise of the case through the Lok Adalat and acceptance of Rs 14.5 crore worth properties of CV Ravi Kumar, a TTD employee accused of misappropriating foreign currency donations in April 2023.

It also directed the ACB Director General to assess the properties of Ravi Kumar.

Despite CCTV evidence showing Ravi Kumar concealing the currency, the case was quickly settled through Lok Adalat proceedings. Subsequently, Ravi Kumar and his wife donated immovable assets, including lands and 14 apartments in Tirupati, to the TTD properties.

The high court has now ordered the identification of all such properties and the verification of any transfers made through registration. The case has been adjourned to December 2 for further hearing.

Top court says no to publishing CIC shortlist

NEW DELHI, PTI: The Supreme Court on Monday refused to issue a directive for public disclosure of the names of candidates shortlisted for the post of chief information commissioner and information commissioners in the Central Information Commission.

A bench, however, directed states, including Jharkhand and Himachal Pradesh, to immediately try to fill up the vacant posts in the state information commissions.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for petitioner Anjali Bhardwaj and others, submitted that governments were "trying to kill the Right to Information Act" by making information commissions defunct.

Names in 'two or three' weeks, SC told

Additional Solicitor General KM Nataraj, appearing for the Centre, said the search committee has shortlisted certain names for the post of CIC and information commissioners, and now they have been recommended to the panel headed by the PM. He said the panel is likely to clear the names in the next two to three weeks and no direction be issued.

Stray dogs case: SC summons Chief Secys over non-compliance with order

Seeks to know steps taken on Animal Birth Control Rules

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

A stray dog roams inside the Supreme Court premises. PTI FILE

The Supreme Court on Monday directed the chief secretaries of states and Union Territories (UTs), except those of West Bengal and Telangana, to appear before it on November 3 to explain why compliance affidavits were not filed in the stray dogs case.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath, Sandeep Mehta, and N V Anjaria found that only the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and the states of West Bengal and Telangana had filed their compliance affidavits following the apex court's August 22 order seeking details of the steps taken to implement the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules.

Hearing the case registered suo motu, the court expressed displeasure with the states for their failure to file an affidavit in the matter. "Didn't the officers read newspapers or social media? Haven't they read, even if they are not served, they should have been here? All chief secretaries to be present here on November 3... We will hold the court in the auditorium," said the bench.

> It is October 27 today. No response, nothing. And continuous incidents are happening. Your country is being shown as down in foreign countries.
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> SUPREME COURT

The court cautioned that if the concerned officers were not present on the next date of hearing, costs would be imposed or coercive steps would be taken against them.

The bench also noted that continuous incidents were occurring in the country, tarnishing the country's image in the eyes of foreign nations.

"We are also reading news reports," said the bench, referring to such incidents.

On August 22, the Supreme Court decided to expand the scope of the proceedings regarding the stray-dog menace beyond the Delhi-National Capital Region to evolve a pan-India policy.

Applying a "holistic approach", the court, however, allowed the relocation of community canines after vaccination to the streets, finding its August 11 order prohibiting so as "too harsh" and against "compassionate treatment".

The court then said it would be necessary to look at the existing infrastructure and human resources available with municipal bodies.

The court also ordered the transfer of all pending matters before HCs to it for analogous consideration with main matter.

SC against contempt notice to lawyer who hurled shoe at CJI

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Monday said it was not inclined to initiate contempt action against the lawyer who had hurled a shoe at Chief Justice of India B R Gavai, having noted that the CJI himself had refused to proceed against him.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi said shouting slogans in court and hurling shoes were clear cases of contempt, but it all depended on the judge concerned whether to proceed. The court, however, agreed to consider steps to prevent such incidents.

Dealing with a plea filed by the SC Bar Association (SCBA) seeking contempt action against lawyer Rakesh Kishore for his act on October 6, the bench said the incident should be allowed to die its own natural death.

"Issuing contempt notice will only give undue importance to the lawyer who hurled a shoe at the CJI and would increase the shelf life of the incident," it said.

The bench asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to collate details of incidents like shoe-throwing in different courts.

Senior advocate Vikas Singh, appearing for the SCBA, said the lawyer glorified the incident, which should not have happened.

"No doubt the incident is a grave criminal contempt. The subsequent conduct aggravates the situation, but the CJI himself has pardoned him," said the bench.

"That was in his individual capacity, but this is for the institution. We can't let this incident go," said Singh.

The counsel urged the court to issue notice, and that the lawyer should express remorse or be sent to jail.

The bench, however, pointed out that the CJI chose to ignore the incident, and asked if the Attorney General should have given consent for contempt action.

IAS officer facing sexual abuse charges surrenders

GUWAHATI, DHNS: Talo Potom, an IAS officer from Arunachal facing charges of sexual abuse and abetment of suicide of a 19-year-old boy, surrendered before police on Sunday.

This came after police launched a nationwide hunt for Potom following two back-to-back suicides, allegations of sexual exploitation, and public protests.

The 53-year-old Potom, who earlier served as deputy commissioner of the state capital Itanagar, was currently posted in New Delhi as a special under secretary of the Public Works Department (PWD).

Deputy Inspector General of Police (Itanagar Capital Range) Tumme Amo told *DH* on Monday that Potom surrendered before the police at the Itanagar Police Station.

The victim allegedly died by suicide on October 23. He was working as a multitasking staff with the PWD.

SC pulls up Delhi Police on Umar Khalid, Sharjeel Imam's bail plea

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Monday refused to grant two weeks' time to the Delhi Police to file its response on activists Umar Khalid, Sharjeel Imam, Gulfisha Fatima, and Meeran Haider's bail pleas in the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act or UAPA case related to the alleged conspiracy behind the February 2020 Delhi riots.

A bench said there was no question of filing a counter-affidavit in bail matters.

As Additional Solicitor General S V Raju, appearing for the Delhi Police, sought time to file the counter-affidavit within two weeks, the bench told him, "On Friday, you ensure that you receive proper instructions from your colleagues."

The bench said the court would hear the matter on October 31.

NEXT CJI

Article 370 to electoral bonds: Justice Surya Kant's trail to the top

NEW DELHI, DHNS

Justice Surya Kant, recommended by Chief Justice BR Gavai as his successor, brings a wealth of experience spanning decades, and has delivered several landmark verdicts.

He was part of the bench that upheld the abrogation of Article 370 concerning Jammu and Kashmir and the bench that struck down the electoral bonds scheme, citing a violation of citizens' right to information.

Justice Kant also authored the majority opinion validating Section 6A of the Citizenship Act, part of the Assam accord. He also upheld the validity of the One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme for the armed forces.

Born on February 10, 1962, into a middle-class family in Hisar, Haryana, Justice Surya Kant graduated from Government Post Graduate College, Hisar, in 1981, and earned his law degree from Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak, in 1984.

He started practising law at the District Court, Hisar, in 1984, and moved to Chandigarh in 1985 to practise in the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

Justice Kant specialises in constitutional, service, and civil matters. He has represented several universities, boards, corporations, banks and also the HC.

He was appointed the youngest Advocate General of Haryana on July 7, 2000, and was designated senior advocate in March 2001.

He held the office of Advocate General, Haryana, till his elevation as a permanent judge to the Punjab and Haryana High Court on January 9, 2004.

Justice Kant was nominated as a member of the Governing Body of the National Legal Services Authority on February 23, 2007, and served for two consecutive terms till February 22, 2011.

He is currently a member of various committees of the Indian Law Institute, a deemed university under the aegis of the Supreme Court.

He earned the distinction of standing First Class First in his post-graduation degree in law in 2011 from the Directorate of Distance Education, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. He has also organised and attended various prestigious national and international conferences.

He assumed charge of the office of the Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court from October 5, 2018.

Justice Kant was also part of the bench that appointed an expert panel in the Pegasus spyware case, saying that the state could not use national security as a free pass for surveillance.

He has been involved in cases concerning the appointment of the Commissioner of Police in Delhi and the protection of public water bodies, emphasising that they were public utilities and their takeover was illegal.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, he was on a bench that directed authorities to consider releasing prisoners to alleviate overcrowding in jails.

Gujaratis, en route to Australia illegally, abducted in Iran

SATISH JHA
AHMEDABAD, DHNS

Four Gujaratis, reportedly attempting to reach Australia illegally, have been kidnapped in Iran with a ransom demand of Rs 2 crore. The incident came to light after a local BJP MLA wrote to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, seeking urgent intervention.

According to initial details, the group, including a couple from Mansa taluka, was routed through Delhi, Bangkok, Dubai, and finally Tehran by agents. They were allegedly abducted after landing in Tehran a few days ago.

Their families in Gujarat learnt of the incident after receiving disturbing video clips showing the victims being tortured in captivity, along with ransom demands.

On October 26, Jayanti Patel, BJP MLA from Mansa, wrote to Amit Shah. In his letter, Patel said that a woman and three men had boarded an Emirates flight from Delhi and were later taken by taxi to an undisclosed location in Tehran, where they are being held captive.

When contacted, Patel confirmed the details, saying, "The four are from my constituency, which is why I have sought help. It is a very sensitive issue." The group had departed from Delhi on October 19.

According to relatives, the four victims were subjected to severe torture, as revealed in video clips allegedly sent by the kidnappers. The footage reportedly shows their hands and legs bound and them being beaten. A photo of the couple, with their hands tied and mouths gagged, was also circulated by the abductors.

2023 incident

In June 2023, a similar case surfaced in Ahmedabad, where a couple en route to the US illegally was kidnapped in Tehran for ransom. They were released after allegedly paying Rs 15 lakh, with government intervention. An FIR later revealed they had promised Rs 1.5 crore to the agent upon reaching the US.

Deportees recall 25-hour ordeal after failed US entry

AMBALA/KURUKSHETRA (HARYANA), PTI: "My feet are swollen. I was shackled for 25 hours (on the flight)," said 45-year-old Harjinder Singh, who was part of the latest batch of Indians deported by the US.

Expressing his ordeal, Singh also said he spent Rs 35 lakh to migrate to the US for a better life, but his dreams of doing something good for the family are dashed now.

The latest batch of illegal migrants included around 50 people from Haryana's Kaithal, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Ambala, Yamunanagar, Jind and Panipat districts, officials said.

A plane carrying them landed at the Delhi airport late on Saturday night.

The migrants—most of them in the 25-40 age group—expressed dejection at the deportation, saying that they had spent lakhs of rupees by selling off plots, borrowing from relatives, and draining out their savings to migrate to the US in pursuit of a better future.

Most of them had taken the treacherous 'donkey route' to enter the US.

They were brought to their respective districts in Haryana and handed over to their families, the officials said.

Harjinder Singh from Jagoli village in Ambala said he spent Rs 35 lakh for migrating to the US. "I learnt cooking there and stayed in Jacksonville, Florida. My job there was good. But the Trump (administration) captured me and sent me back to India," he said.

"I am very upset. My lakhs of rupees have now gone wasted," he said.

Singh also showed his feet, saying they were swollen because of being shackled for 25 long hours. "My feet are swollen. It should not have been done. I was shackled for 25 hours," said Singh.

Naresh Kumar said an agent promised to send him to the US for a fee of Rs 42 lakh, but he had to ultimately eke out Rs 57 lakh.

Admitting that it took him two months to enter the US through the 'donkey route', Naresh said he would not advise anyone to do so. He spent 14 months in jail before being deported to India.

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Death rides and lessons not learned

The horrific fire that engulfed a private sleeper bus from Hyderabad to Bengaluru in the early hours of Sunday is a grim reminder of how fragile passenger safety has become on Indian highways. The bus caught fire after it hit a two-wheeler that had earlier crashed into a road divider and was lying on the carriageway. The motorcyclist, reportedly inebriated, died on the spot. At least 19 people were charred to death, and several others were injured after the bus burst into flames near Kurnool. This is not an isolated tragedy. Earlier this month, 26 people were killed when a bus caught fire in Rajasthan. Investigators found that a short circuit in the air-conditioning system had triggered the inferno. In 2023, a similar accident in Maharashtra claimed at least 25 lives, while another in Madhya Pradesh that same year left 13 passengers dead. Each of these cases revealed the same grim pattern of neglect: faulty wiring, combustible cargo, and the absence of enforceable safety standards.

In the Kurnool tragedy, around 400 smartphones were reportedly being transported in the bus's luggage compartment, which may have aggravated the explosion and the spread of the fire. Yet the deeper malaise lies in how sleeper buses have been turned into death traps. Operators routinely modify these vehicles to accommodate additional berths, often at the expense of emergency exits, and habitually disregard basic fire-safety regulations. Often, buses carry prohibited goods such as LPG cylinders, paint cans, or even fireworks, in blatant violation of transport laws. The so-called "emergency door", painted in bold letters across the rear windshield, is a cruel illusion. In most vehicles, it is either permanently sealed or impossible to break open. Why? Because every extra seat translates into additional revenue. When the accident occurs at night – as it often does – disoriented and sleeping passengers stand no chance of survival.

Violation of safety norms and poor enforcement of rules turn sleeper buses into death traps

This tragedy must serve as an eye-opener for every state transport authority, including Karnataka's. Every passenger bus – public or private – must prominently display a list of prohibited items, and random checks should be conducted both by operators and the transport department to ensure compliance. Those found violating safety norms should face severe penalties. Fitness certificates must not be routine paperwork but proof that brakes, electrical systems, and other parts are in working order. Fire extinguishers, alarms, and smoke detectors should be compulsory, and emergency exits must be non-negotiable. It should not take another night of flames and screams for governments to act. Every journey on the roads must be a guarantee of safety, not a roll of the dice with death.

When forests fail as climate cover

New research has found that tropical rainforests – carbon sinks that mitigate the impact of emissions and are considered bulwarks against climate change – are turning into net emitters. A study published in Nature by scientists in Australia has reported that trees have started to become a net source of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. This shift, which has been traced to climate change, shows that the capacity of woody biomass to absorb carbon is at risk. Rising tree mortality caused by extreme temperatures and atmospheric dryness appears to be driving this change. More trees die in the forests because of climate change than are born. These findings carry global import because they indicate that forests, unable to cope with the warming, are becoming ineffective as shields against climate change.

Tropical rainforests are diverse ecosystems that exist across continents. They have played a significant role in countering climate change and helped regulate weather in proximate areas, apart from functioning as a critical environmental safeguard. The physical extent of forests and their quality have been declining. In the recently released 2025 Forest Declaration Assessment report, it has been noted that 8.1 million hectares of forest were lost in 2024. According to the report, the level of destruction is 63% higher than the trajectory required to halt deforestation by 2030, a target set during the COP26 climate negotiations in Glasgow, four years ago. The expansion of commercial agriculture has been cited as one of the main reasons for this high level of destruction. Major targets have been set for forest restoration. If reports on progress made are any indication, the pledges made by many countries, including India, to restore large tracts of forests will not be fulfilled.

The waning ability of tropical forests to absorb carbon may slacken a race against time

The findings from Australia show that the situation is worse than predicted. The researchers have found that the current models may have overestimated the capacity of tropical rainforests to help offset fossil fuel emissions. They have noted that cyclones suppress the carbon sink capacity of woody biomass in these forests and that is a cause for concern because cyclones are expected to become more severe under climate change. The study is based on five decades of data collected from Australian forests and the scientists have said that the findings could be "a sort of canary in the coal mine". While research on forests in other parts of the world needs to draw on this fresh perspective, the findings certainly make a case for stronger and more focused efforts to counter climate change.

TURNING TO THE OCEAN

Beyond freshwater, a saline future

As the global freshwater crisis deepens, a shift towards harnessing the vast, untapped saline reserves becomes imperative

J HARSHA

Globally, water is broadly classified into two realms: saline and freshwater. Data reveal that saline water accounts for 97.43% of Earth's reserves, while freshwater only 2.57%, of which rivers contribute a mere 0.0002% of total water. Yet, it is this infinitesimal fraction that sustains most of the terrestrial life on the planet and compels humanity to hinge on it for its very survival.

Despite this fragile dependence, global water crises manifesting as scarcity, conflicts, climate shocks, decay of dams and canals – amidst an ever-rising demand – have done little to shift attention beyond the narrow realm of freshwater. For instance, with the world population projected to swell from eight billion today to about 10 billion by 2050, the demand for food and energy is set to explode dramatically. Groundwater reserves are already in retreat, even as the pressure on surface sources intensifies.

UNICEF estimates that half of the global population is already suffering from water stress. India's NITI Aayog reports that nearly 600 million, or 45% of the population, are already grappling with a severe water crisis. By 2030, the demand is projected to outstrip supply by nearly twofold. Adding to this, ageing dams constrain the already scarce supply.

One of the primary reasons for this fixation on narrow freshwater reserves is the entrenched perception that saline water, with its TDS levels of above 1,000 mg/l, is unfit for drinking, agriculture, and industrial use. The consequences of this dependence are severe because freshwater is finite, whereas demand is not.

Despite this escalating water crisis, global efforts towards mitigation remain focused on conserving and reallocating the same limited reserves. Research aimed at eliminating dependence on freshwater is confined largely to desalination or niche saline-agriculture trials. That the staggering fact – 98% of the world's water is saline – has not spurred a definitive shift in approach is a major cause of the global freshwater crisis. This crisis is less about hydrology than it is about the mindset and intellectual scarcity.

The prevailing water discourse attributes the crisis to a litany of factors: population explosion, urbanisation, consumption patterns, governance issues, and climate change. Remedies, however, remain restricted to the tiny freshwater domain. Large storage, rainwater harvesting, and water efficiency measures – all reflect strategies that ignore saline water. This restricted approach to solutions is a zero-sum game. As the demand rises, any savings achieved in one sector inevitably reduce allocations elsewhere. And climate change will only exacerbate this imbalance, potentially turning the freshwater crisis into a cataclysm.

Contrary to the widespread belief that saline water is inherently unfit, humanity has already been utilising it for ages. Seafood, with over 1,900 nutrient varieties, has always been part of the human diet, thereby reducing the freshwater footprint. Seas and oceans offer an array of edible and nutritious plants. Species such as Porphyra spp, Monostroma spp, Enteromorpha spp, Laminaria japonica, Hizikia fusiforme, kombu, Caulerpa lentillifera, and wakame form traditional diets across Pacific nations.

From an economic standpoint, several freshwater-dependent crops can be replaced with saline water analogues. Mangrove species of Rhizophora and Ceriops yield excellent fuelwood, while the salt-tolerant Prosopis provides quality timber.

Halophytes, emerging alternative crops, offer potential for food, biofuel, and edible oil production, replacing freshwater-guzzling crops like corn, sugarcane, and palm oil. Saline water varieties of floriculture and horticulture further expand economic opportunities.

Time for the alternative

It is imperative to break free from the dependence on the narrow freshwater domain and turn towards the planet's vast saline reserves. The conceptual tool enabling this transformative shift is the 'saline water footprint', the total volume of saline water used in producing goods and services.

As agriculture consumes 80-90% of the world's freshwater, replacing freshwater-guzzling crops with saline alternatives would substantially conserve vast quantities of freshwater within its limited 2.5% share. Advancing saline water analogues, from economic opportunities to delicacies, would enhance the saline water footprint while concomitantly reducing the reliance on freshwater-intensive products.

With nearly 38% of the world's population residing within 100 km of a coastline, the global shoreline (excluding Antarctica) stretching over 2.4 million km, and climate change further exposing vast tracts to saline influence, the potential for expanding this footprint is immense.

But that requires a paradigm shift and reorienting the collective mindset of all stakeholders, policymakers, governments, researchers, and investors, towards recognising saline water as a vast, untapped asset.

Global water policies should, therefore, move beyond fragmented and sporadic experiments and integrate desalination plants, seafood consumption, halophyte cultivation, saline-based floriculture, fuelwood, biofuel from salt-tolerant species, mangrove expansion, etc., into a unified saline water footprint framework. This approach would systematically enhance, monitor, and scale up global saline water usage and investment in research and innovation.

Institutionalising saline water footprint and progressively embedding it across agriculture and industry offers a durable strategy, transforming the freshwater crisis into sustainable water security for generations to come. Thus, as long as the world locks its priorities to its freshwater reserves and ignores the oceans, the freshwater crisis will remain unsolvable. With a coastline newly estimated at over 11,000 km, India should take a lead towards the saline century, thereby resolving its own freshwater crisis, once and for all.

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

Prank-lined paths of childhood

Fences, trees, and rain-fed tanks were the perfect playgrounds

S NARENDRA PRASAD

I spent my childhood in two small, village-like towns in the late 1960s and early 1970s — first in Hassan and later in Chikkamagaluru. Both places left a deep imprint on me, especially in refining the art of pranks -- some clever, some clumsy. The schools I attended were known for their strict discipline and devoted teachers, leaving little room for mischief. But that didn't stop me from finding my own playgrounds.

Hassan was then a sleepy town that saw far more rain than it does now. My school was close by, but I always managed to take the longest route, taking a long time to reach. Sometimes, I crept through the iron fence like a snake, and sometimes I climbed a tree and jumped over. With time, my jumps became perfect.

One of my favourite haunts was the cemetery on Salagame Road. The wooden gate was usually locked, but I would climb over it, land perfectly on the other side, and walk past 'satisfied souls and disgusted spirits' to the *kere* (water tank) behind before heading home. The cemetery, whcih was right next to our school fence, was my obstacle course. Just beyond it stood tamarind and other tall trees—perfect for our gultoria, a game that involved plucking small branches and leaves.

Chikkamagaluru, my next home, gave me more space, time, and freedom to perfect my pranks. By then, I had grown taller, and my parents had started doubting my mental ability. Atlas and Hercules cycles ruled the roads, and when I didn't have one, I could hire one for a few small coins from a local shop on an hourly basis. With the lanes almost empty, the town was my empire. One day, I'd ride towards Aldur, another towards Joldal, and sometimes even to Ratnagiri Bore -- a vast, open plain with a single, giant tree in the middle. The rains only added to the thrill.

MG Road, IG Road and every bylane of Chikkamagaluru became the tracks I frequented. In the rainy season, particularly after heavy rains, I would inspect the Gauri Kaluve canal to see the force of water, which later drained to Dantaramakki *kere* (tank).

That *kere* and the nearby sawmills became my Sunday *adda*. One sawmill belonged to a friend's father, where I had free rein. The *kere* area was a hotspot for my pranks. The adjoining horticultural farm, laden with chiku and guava trees, shared a fence with my school ground—flexible enough for an agile prankster to slip through. There I performed the pranks of my ancestors, meticulously and silently.

Those were pranks worth remembering -- from a simpler time before mischief changed its form.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

US tilt towards Pakistan: A case of strategic myopia

Apropos 'Rubio: US-Pak ties growing, but not at India's expense' (Oct 27), the recent statement by US Secretary of State Marco Rubio that deepening US-Pakistan ties are "not at India's expense" rings hollow and lacks credibility. In 2025, under President Donald Trump's administration, Washington's approach to South Asia has taken a visible turn, marked by renewed warmth toward Islamabad and increasing unease in relations with New Delhi. This shift is driven by strategic, military, and geopolitical calculations, including America's desire to maintain counterterrorism leverage, secure access routes to Afghanistan, and balance Chinese influence in the region. However, such realignments come at a price. Pakistan's long-standing record of harbouring extremist groups and its fragile governance make it an unreliable partner in any sustainable security framework. Meanwhile, for India, which has stood as a stable democratic ally and key player in the Indo-Pacific, this US tilt is both disappointing and strategically short-sighted.

N Sadhasiva Reddy, Bengaluru

A welcome meeting

It is heartening to note that Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, Mohandas Pai, and Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, have ended their war of words in the media. Their meeting to discuss and find solutions to the problems faced by Bengaluru is a welcome step in good governance and worthy of emulation by people's representatives and those who matter. As the saying goes, 'If you have no solution, you are part of the problem.'

Laxman Gorlakatte, Mysuru

Work for equality

Apropos 'SC order empowers transgender people' (Oct 27), the Supreme Court's recent judgement has laid bare not only the persistent injustice against the transgender community but also the systemic indifference that sustains it. More than a decade after the NALSA verdict recognised the third gender and affirmed their right to self-determination, governments have failed to translate this constitutional promise into reality. Policies remain on paper while discrimination persists in workplaces, schools, and public institutions. The court's directive to frame viable equal-opportunity policies must be pursued with urgency and sincerity. Real change requires more than committees and reports; it demands a moral awakening in society and governance alike, so equality ceases to be a distant legal aspiration and becomes lived justice.

K Chidanand Kumar, Bengaluru

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SPEAK OUT

The past 4.5 years in Tamil Nadu have been the darkest chapters in the history of the state and the people are ready to boot out this unpopular DMK government...

C R Kesavan, BJP leader

People never lie so much as after a hunt, during a war or before an election.

Otto von Bismarck

TO BE PRECISE

IN PERSPECTIVE

Can simpler GST also spur growth?

GST 2.0 is designed to drive consumption and growth, but structural imbalances may limit the reform's impact

SUJIT K S AND NANDINI M

Indirect tax, by nature, is complicated. The Centre and state legislations further complicate it in terms of levies and the collection of revenue. India faced this for a long time till the introduction of GST in 2017, which marked a significant change with one national framework to make the process simple. There were four slabs (5%, 12%, 18% and 28%), which created multiple challenges in terms of classifications and implementation. Voices were frequently raised to restructure and make the regime simpler for the people and the administration.

Lower consumption, volatility in the world economy, partially due to multiple wars, jobless growth leading to economic slowdown, etc., called for an overhaul of the framework to make it simpler, fairer, faster, and efficient with the objective of stimulating consumption-led growth. GST 2.0 introduced two slabs (5% and 18%) and a higher slab of 40% for luxury and sin products like pan masala and tobacco products. An elasticity concept in economics would tell that in luxury and sin products, which are highly inelastic in nature, any price increase would not reduce the demand significantly, and hence, the tax revenue would be higher. A higher tax on cigarettes, that is 40%, and a lower tax on bidis would rather see price-sensitive consumers shifting to bidis.

The GST cut on bidis seems to be aimed at protecting the domestic bidi industry that employs over 70 lakh people, predominantly women. However, the 40% slab has raised several concerns. India's aspiring middle class, especially located in small towns, is increasingly drawn towards luxury products. Higher taxation could discourage consumption and even push consumers to take loans for high-end goods, increasing household debt. This might not be fair to the middle-class population buying luxury products. If the consumption needs to be boosted, these luxury items must be taxed at a rate lower than 40%.

From a macroeconomic perspective, the GST cuts come at a strategic point. India's private consumption as a percentage of nominal GDP is around 61.4%. The Finance Ministry expects the GST reduction could increase the growth by 0.3-0.5 percentage points in FY 2025-26, and economists predict a stronger spike this year due to this relief. It is consistent with Keynesian Economics – lower taxes will lead to higher disposable income and consumption, which increases aggregate demand due to the consumption multiplier, stimulating production, employment, and overall economic activities.

A higher tax on luxury products would act like a leakage in the multiplier process, and the aspirations of a large middle-class buying luxury products. The current marginal propensity to consume and declining bank credit growth rate (by around 6% from 2024 to 2025) point to a reduction in the demand for non-essential goods and services. This trend indicates households are cutting back on their discretionary spending.

Winners and losers

The demand for agricultural inputs is inelastic in nature; a 7% reduction would provide low to moderate relief, as consumers would purchase similar quantities for their agricultural needs. A similar relief is provided to affordable education items. The cost of healthcare is increasing; with a medical inflation rate of 13%-15% annually, a 7% reduction may not provide any major relief.

The insurance sector received the biggest boost, with a waiver on premiums. This would help the negatively growing industry and the public to purchase multiple policies and attract the price-sensitive customers.

Increasing rates of admission to sports events by 12% is not helping the youth or the Khelo India mission to promote sports. Betting and gaming are addictive in nature and hence highly inelastic. An increase of 12% will not reduce the demand. A 350cc motorcycle is considered a luxury product and hence, a 9% increase will have a moderate impact.

India's external environment adds urgency to these domestic reforms. The recent 50% tariff on Indian exports has created new headwinds for growth. Many view the GST reforms as an offsetting measure to overcome the shocks. The Chief Economic Advisor views GST 2.0 as part of a broader expansionary policy, alongside repo rate cuts and revised income tax brackets, to counter global shocks and maintain momentum.

While GST 2.0 is a decisive move toward simplification and its probable impact on the consumption and employment generation, it may fall short of its intended goals if structural imbalances persist. The framework could require further fine-tuning to align fiscal objectives with consumer behaviour, elasticities, and macroeconomic realities. As the dust settles, it is becoming clearer that the GST reform story is far from over. Another round of recalibration may well be on the horizon.

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UN is still 'fit for purpose' in promoting disability-inclusive development

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As the United Nations marked its 80th anniversary on October 24, 2025, its founding purpose—promoting peace, human rights, and sustainable development—remains as relevant as ever. While debates continue over whether the UN is still 'fit for purpose' amid geopolitical tensions, climate crises, and deepening inequality, its role in advancing the rights of persons with disabilities—who make up 16% of the world's population—remains vital, especially in the context of low- and middle-income countries.

Over 80% of persons with disabilities live in these countries and remain largely excluded from mainstream development even as the UN is providing assistance to over 100 million people impacted by humanitarian crises globally. Even though 192 nations have ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), national governments still fail to prioritise human rights of persons with disabilities. Evidence shows that persons with disabilities are disproportionately affected by conflicts and emergencies in low- and middle-income countries—their mortality rate is two to four times higher than that of persons without disabilities.

The UN's disability rights movement dates back to 1981, declared the 'International Year of the Disabled Persons' by the UN General Assembly. Since then, several milestones have followed. Two significant ones are the adoption of the CRPD in 2006 and the UN Disability Inclusion Strategy (UNDIS) in 2019. It was only after 13 years of adoption of the CRPD that the UN realised the need for a sustainable and transformational change within the organisation to make the UN fit for purpose by developing a system-wide disability inclusion strategy to embed disability inclusion across all pillars of its work. The UNDIS attempts to mainstream disability inclusion both at the entity level and at the level of UN Country Teams (UNCTs).

However, progress has been uneven. After five years of implementation (2019-2023), the UN Secretary General's report found that only 38% of the UN entities and 41% of the UNCTs had met requirements of disability inclusion under the UNDIS accountability framework. The 2023 UN Secretary General report acknowledged "noteworthy progress" in many areas of strategy but concluded that over half of the disability inclusion indicators remain unmet. This finding prompted a system-wide evaluation in 2024-2025 by the UN Sustainable Development Group's Evaluation Office to assess how the UN could better support member states in implementing the CRPD and achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for 1.3 billion persons with disabilities.

The evaluation identified critical gaps, among which leadership of the UN entities and UNCT should be accorded priority. Senior management across UN entities and the UNCTs—Resident Coordinators, Deputy Coordinators and Country Representatives—are expected to complete a disability inclusion training course titled 'The UN Disability Inclusion Strategy: Putting Words into Action'. Yet, as of September 2025, only 6% of the senior leaders had done so. Low capacities of the Disability Focal Points identified within the UNCTs could be further addressed through available training courses on disability inclusion.

The UN Resident Coordinators' offices play a significant role in ensuring the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSCDF) includes entry points for disability inclusion. Meaningful participation of organisations of persons with disabilities (OPDs) through their representative organisations during the design of these frameworks can ensure that key concerns are reflected in line with the UNDIS. Similarly, UN agencies should include OPDs in developing country programme documents, allowing persons with disabilities to share their lived experiences and shape inclusive policies and programmes.

There are encouraging examples like that of UNFPA, Lao PDR, in developing an MoU with OPDs to promote their active participation in policy and programme planning and implementation—a model other UN entities could emulate at the country level. Yet another good practice is from the UN Resident Coordinator's office in India, which has a full-time Disability Rights Officer to provide inter-agency, cross-sectoral support for the implementation of the UNDIS and the country action plan.

According to the UNDIS 2023 report on the UN Secretary General, only 44% of entities reflected disability inclusion in their results statements and indicators, disaggregating data by disability and sex, and developing interventions to improve disability inclusion. UNDIS Indicator #10 is about mainstreaming disability effectively throughout the evaluation process, and disability inclusion should be clearly specified in the ToR, inception and evaluation reports. This is conspicuously absent in the evaluation processes of many UN entities across regions, which seriously impacts the planning of future country programmes on the basis of lessons learnt from the previous country programme cycles. So also having a disability expert to support the evaluation team enables the evaluation team to identify gaps and provide recommendations for disability inclusion.

There is a strong bidirectional link between the rule of law and disability inclusion. The spectrum of disability inclusion is wider in countries that have stronger adherence to the rule of law. With more than 80% of persons with disabilities living in low- and middle-income countries, the UN, as a technical partner of the national governments, has a predominant role in ensuring the human rights of persons with disabilities are protected and promoted across humanitarian and development contexts.

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Several of the leaders President Trump will meet are either autocrats or presiding over fragile democracies. And some admire his willingness to break the rules

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As this president tours Asia, democracy is not on agenda

The durability of the American experiment has been tested in the nine months since President Trump's return to the White House, with institutions from Congress to the judiciary struggling or declining to check his aggressive attempts to flout the law and expand his power.

During Trump's latest trip abroad, on a six-day sojourn through Asia, he has launched, fists pumping, onto the world stage, chasing a trade deal with China and compelling several other Asian governments to sign economic agreements. Several of the leaders he will encounter this week are autocrats, or are presiding over vulnerable democracies. And some are open fans of his bulldozing approach to governing.

In Malaysia, Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim praised Trump's willingness to flout security protocols by letting him ride along in the American presidential limousine shortly after Trump landed in Kuala Lumpur.

"We admire your tenacity and courage because the world needs leaders who promote peace strongly," Anwar told the president when the pair appeared together on Sunday in observance of a peace deal between Thailand and Cambodia. "And to achieve that, you have to break some rules, as you did today."

Anwar also joked of his time in prison on corruption and sodomy crimes, charges he and his supporters have long maintained were part of a sham orchestrated by his predecessor. "I was in prison, and you almost got there," Anwar said, referring to Trump's felony convictions.

For his part, Anwar's government has been criticised for a worsening climate for freedom of expression, driven in part by pressure from the country's right wing.

As leaders like Vladimir V Putin of Russia and Anwar know, sympathising about political persecution is music to the ears of Trump, who is carrying out widespread federalised retribution against his political enemies.

Throughout his stops in Malaysia, Japan and South Korea, Trump represents a shut-down federal government and an ever-deepening American political divide. His supporters at home give him high marks on his immigration crackdown and his pursuit of global peace deals. But Trump's approval rating has fallen, and most Americans believe the country is heading in the wrong direction, according to recent polls.

During his second term, Trump has laid out a set of beliefs that alarm those who study the decline of democracy, and his moves have been closely watched by many of the same governments he will interact with this week.

Trump thinks negative news coverage of him should be illegal. He has pressured the Department of Justice to carry out retribution against his political enemies. He has ordered the military to put boots on the ground in American cities and carry out missile strikes against people in the Caribbean. US citizens have been swept up in immigration raids and held without regard to their constitutionally protected rights.

"President Trump presents to the world an America under democratic pressure, and that's a very different image than what previous presidents have projected," said Thomas Carothers, the director of Carnegie's Democracy, Conflict and Governance Programme.

In Trump's version of democracy, human rights, due process and freedom of expression are increasingly being treated not as inherent rights but as privileges subject to removal.

In Japan, the next stop on his trip, Trump's approach has helped to galvanise a right-wing movement focused on nationalism, economic populism and a distrust of foreigners. The recent success of far-right parties has left many in Japan wondering if their country is belatedly seeing the angry anti-establishment populism that has transformed the United States and other developed democracies.

"A new movement has emerged in Japan similar to the Trump movement, which is trying to create division within Japan," said Kazuhiro Maeshima, a professor of American politics and diplomacy at Sophia University in Tokyo. "They're trying to gain support by inciting Japanese nationalism and xenophobia. It's similar to Trump's approach."

The election this month of Sanae Takaichi, the first woman to serve as prime minister, in some ways reflects that shift. Takaichi, with whom Trump will spend Tuesday, was already one of the most conservative voices in her Liberal Democratic Party, Japan's main political bloc. During her campaign, she promised to restore a sense of nationalism and to more strictly regulate immigration and tourism.

With Trump's attacks on free speech and human rights in recent weeks, many in Japan wonder if the US will continue its traditional role as a beacon of democracy.

"We have always seen the US as the real teacher of democracy," said Mieko Nakabayashi, a political science professor at Waseda University in Tokyo. "Trump is now showing us the limits of that ideal."

Unlike his American predecessors, Trump is not even pretending to tout the benefits of democracy as he travels in Asia. Nor does Trump see the US relationship with China as representative of an existential battle between the ideals of democracy and the specter of growing global authoritarianism. As he pursues trade deals with a string of countries he has strong-armed with aggressive tariff policies, he is keeping his sights set on China, a country that has not yet capitulated to his demands. Trump noted this week that his tariff on Chinese goods was set to rise to 157 percent on November 1, just days after he and Xi are scheduled to meet.

"When President Trump sees himself together with President Xi, he doesn't see democracy versus autocracy in the room," Carothers said. "He sees two competing economic systems."

But Trump has also openly admired Xi's consolidation of power. In 2018, when a cordial personal relationship forged with Xi at the beginning of Trump's first term was already devolving into a trade dispute with implications for the global economy, Trump told donors at Mar-a-Lago, his Florida retreat, that Xi had become a "president for life." He wondered out loud if he should pursue the same outcome for himself. "I think it's great," Trump said. "Maybe we'll want to give that a shot someday."

Allies of Trump are serious about him serving a constitutionally prohibited third term. His former strategist Stephen K Bannon said recently that there is a "plan" to keep Trump in office beyond 2028.

If Trump appears with Xi at a regional summit in South Korea as planned, it will be the first time the two men have seen each other in person since 2019.

They will be meeting in a country scarred by deep political divisions and by a traumatic, if short-lived, declaration of martial law last year by a president who has since been ousted.

For generations, South Koreans had largely seen the US as an ally to count on in times of crisis. But that is now being questioned after Trump slapped painful tariffs on the country and sent federal agents to arrest hundreds of South Korean citizens working at a Hyundai-LG plant in the state of Georgia in September. "We are hit by a double whammy of internal and external crises," said Lee Yong-gil, who leads an ongoing "No Trump" sit-in protest in central Seoul. But South Koreans who experienced the turbulence of Trump's first term have also developed a long-term perspective about their country's alliance with the United States and will try to weather the storms of his second term, said Sung Deuk Hahm, the dean of Kyonggi University's Graduate School of Political Studies in Seoul.

The New York Times

The fine line between confidence and arrogance

MATHEW C NINAN

The recent Kaun Banega Crorepati (KBC) episode featuring a Class V student has sparked a storm on social media. Viewers of the quiz show were divided -- some admired the boy's confidence; others found his behaviour brash and disrespectful. To many, it wasn't confidence on display but arrogance.

It is worth pausing to reflect on this fine line. Confidence is a healthy belief in one's abilities without diminishing others; it stems from self-awareness and competence. Arrogance, on the other hand, is an inflated sense of self-importance which often belittles others to feel superior.

For those who missed the episode: the young contestant began by telling the host, Amitabh Bachchan, not to explain the rules -- he already knew them. He answered the first few questions without waiting for the options, and he got them right. His composure and quick wit drew applause from the audience, including his parents. Encouraged, he grew more confident. But when a tough question came, he confidently asked the superstar host to "lock it" -- four times over --only to be proved wrong. The anticlimax was swift; he left with no winnings.

Social media erupted. Many criticised the child's overconfidence and lack of respect and his parents for encouraging such behaviour. Others defended him as a bright, uninhibited boy being himself. Even Amitabh Bachchan, ever composed, appeared momentarily at a loss.

Was the child at fault—or the adults around him?

The child is not to blame; perhaps the child behaved this way because no one corrected him before. When clever children speak up, parents and teachers often applaud. Intelligence and confidence are appreciated; excellent manners less so. He should have been told that confidence should not come at the cost of good manners and respect for others.

In this case, those who trained him for the show should also have prepared him for the decorum such occasions demand.

Some even speculated that his conduct was scripted — a far-fetched conjecture. Still, respect for the host — not because he is Amitabh Bachchan, but because he occupies the seat of authority-- is basic courtesy.

Psychologists call this pattern 'Six Pocket Syndrome': when a child, doted on by six adults — parents and grandparents — develops a sense of entitlement and a struggle with patience, sharing and low tolerance for frustration. The fault, then, lies less in the child and more in the environment that indulges him.

Here, the child is exposed to a new environment. The ostentatious ambience and the attention he receives must have triggered a rush of adrenaline in him. Children today grow up in a more expressive, assertive world. They are encouraged to voice opinions and ask questions and become uninhibited and independent — qualities that are valuable but need balance.

To ruthlessly troll a 10-year-old online is inexcusable. The scar left by this episode on the child and his parents is likely to be deep. Many of the critics forget that the child is just 10 years old, and adult standards should not apply to him.

The brunt of the social media troll was borne by the child's parents and parents in general for condoning rudeness in the guise of smartness. However, it is also unfair to blame just the parents.

This incident rings a warning bell -- for parents, teachers and viewers alike. Families and schools together shape the adults of tomorrow. Children learn far more from how we behave than what we tell them. The habits of respect, restraint and empathy must be cultivated early.

We are responsible for our actions. We reap rewards for our good actions, much the same way as we receive punishments for our wrongdoings. This is the law of nature, and children should learn this from both their parents and their teachers. Narcissism — the obsession with oneself—is the modern malaise. Its antidote is empathy: the ability to think of others.

The boy from KBC may have lost a game but perhaps gained a lesson for his life. And so should we — that intelligence and success mean little without respect for others and grace.

Good manners open closed doors; bad manners close open ones.

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OUR PAGES OF HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO: OCTOBER 1975

PM's challenge to scientists on immediate needs

New Delhi, October 27
The Government is trying to bring about changes in scientific research policies with a focus on areas of national priority and to make research relevant to the immediate needs of the people, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said here today. She said the proposed changes in the research policies were meant to "enable us to give greater attention to these priority areas." She hoped "our scientists will rise to the occasion and take up the challenge" by identifying a host of areas for priority in research.

25 YEARS AGO: OCTOBER 2000

SV Parameswara Bhat is dead

Mysore, Oct 27 (DHNS)
Noted Kannada litterateur Prof S V Parameswara Bhat (87) died at a nursing home here today after a brief illness. Prof Bhat leaves behind two sons and two daughters. He penned more than 60 books and served in the Maharaja College and the departments of Kannada Studies of Mysore and Mangalore universities. In recognition of his meritorious service to the field of Kannada literature, he was given the Kannada Rajyotsava award for 1989-90. Mysore and Kuvempu universities honoured him with D.Lit.

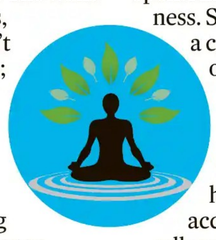
OASIS | ADITI PANT

You reap what you sow

Life has a quiet way of remembering kindness. And good karma; those small, sincere offerings of love, help, patience, or honesty always find their way back to us.

Often not in the way we expected, but in the wzay we needed. It's not coincidence; it's the universe keeping its own silent score.

My daughter was leaving for college in a new country. Circumstances developed in a manner such that when the time came to drop her, my husband and I were unable to travel with her. We were hapless and concerned as we did not know how to navigate this curve so close to the date of her departure.



It seemed like we had no option but to let her travel on her own. The walls were closing in. Sometimes, however, the door you didn't knock on swings wide open; a whisper of grace in the middle of an echo that was not finding an answer.

Karma is not just a law-giver, but a creative artist as well; always finding ways to reward you in a manner that isn't always material. The reward could be an unexpected resolution, peace of mind, or the right people showing up at the right time.

My husband's sister showed up in our hour of need. A door swung wide open. An echo whispered with kindness. She launched herself forward, a comet streaking toward her objective.

She redirected our plans, applied for leave at her work place, worked out a schedule for her family and booked her tickets. She not only accompanied our daughter to college in a different country, but also made sure she acclimatised her to the new environment; releasing our fledgling to its new skies.

Gratitude for my husband's sister, her family and the benevolent universe filled our hearts. We realised that the good that we do, the righteous seeds that we plant, travel through the fabric of time, unnoticed, until one day, life blooms in ways that cannot be explained, only deeply understood. Therefore, keep giving. Keep doing good even when it feels invisible.

The universe always sees, always hears, and always remembers. And when good karma finally circles back, it will feel like the most unexpected kind of homecoming.

When you plant seeds of good deeds, in time, it is you that blossoms.

LOSING MORE THAN JUST THE POLL

BIHAR CANDIDATES & DEPOSIT FORFEITED

Year	Total Candidates	Deposit Forfeited	Percentage
2020	3,733	3,205	85.85%
2015	3,411	2,903	85.10%
2010	3,523	3,019	85.69%

PARTIES AND DEPOSIT FORFEITED

	2020	2015	2010
	3	1	2
	5	0	1
	1	0	23
	4	0	216

Poll diary

RJD expels 27 leaders for anti-party activities

The RJD on Monday expelled 27 leaders — including two MLAs, four former legislators and an MLC — for anti-party activities and defying the organisation's ideology in the Bihar assembly elections. According to a statement by RJD state chief Mangani Lal Mandal, the expelled leaders have also been suspended from the party's primary membership."The RJD took disciplinary action against the leaders after it found that they were indulging in anti-party activities against the RJD or Mahagathbandhan nominees", the statement said. Reacting to this, a senior RJD leader said, "The expelled leaders were working against the officially declared candidates of the INDIA bloc and RJD."

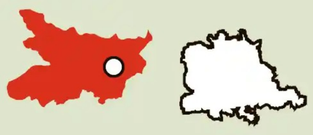
Will defeat money power, says CPI(ML) L candidate

A full-time activist of the CPI(ML) Liberation with declared assets of Rs 37,000 in his election affidavit, Quyamuddin Ansari is in the fray from Arrah, one of the two Assembly seats with the NDA in the Shahabad region of Bihar where he lost against BJP's Amarendra Pratap Singh in the 2020 polls. Ansar says he is fighting the election with small donations from supporters, but is confident of defeating "money power". "Candidates in other parties have to pay money to fight elections. But here, people are supporting my campaign," Ansari said.

BJP releases mock manifesto for Jubilee Hills bypoll

Telangana BJP president N Ramchander Rao on Monday accused the Congress government of 'failing' to maintain law and order in the state and released a mock poll manifesto warning that rowdy elements would flourish if the ruling party wins the upcoming Jubilee Hills Assembly bypoll. Referring to recent incidents, including a constable being stabbed to death by an accused in Nizamabad, firing on a 'gau rakshak', he alleged that 'gun culture' is on the rise in Telangana. "Law and order has failed. Forget about protecting the common man, there is no protection for policemen," he told reporters.

CONSTITUENCY WATCH



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The Nitish knot: BJP's balancing act in Bihar

Leadership ambiguity persists as NDA still reluctant to formally announce JD(U) leader as its chief ministerial face

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With the Bihar elections on the horizon, the BJP and the NDA find themselves in a classic Catch-22 over the question of the alliance's chief ministerial face. At the heart of the dilemma is Nitish Kumar, the state's longest-serving CM and a seasoned political survivor, known for switching sides more than once. Despite his extensive administrative experience and carefully cultivated image as 'Sushashan Babu' (Mr Governance), Nitish's name remains a point of contention within both the BJP and its allies.

"He is seen as a development-oriented leader who can attract sections of the electorate, especially those who associate the Lalu-Rabri era with 'Jungle Raj'. The narrative around these elections is simple: it's 'Sushasan vs Jungle Raj'," says Pravesh Mishra, former political bureau chief of a Hindi daily and now a political observer.

Against this backdrop, the BJP's reluctance to formally announce Nitish as the alliance's CM candidate is all the more surprising.

"The BJP's strategy is clear, it won't officially play second fiddle, but will still project Nitish as the alliance's Numero Uno in the state," Mishra says.

Another reason for the BJP's hesitation lies in the aspirations of its core voter base, which has remained loyal for decades. After playing second fiddle to Nitish for nearly two decades, a section of BJP supporters feels it's time for the party to lead the government independently.

In a caste-dominated state like Bihar, it's crucial for any party to avoid alienating its voter base. "The BJP is wary of constituencies where the JD(U) has limited influence and where the BJP's own organisational strength is critical," said a saffron party MP, speaking on condition of anonymity. He added that the party does not want to commit to anything that might look awkward once the results are out on November 14.

It's now evident that the BJP has chosen not to project Nitish as the CM face, but that decision carries its own risks. The party runs the risk of unsettling the JD(U)'s traditional voter base. Uncertainty over his political future within the alliance could lead to voter apprehension, translating into lower turnout or, worse, tactical voting against the BJP-led coalition.

In the last election, the NDA scraped through with a slender majority. Even a minor percentage point swing this time could alter the final outcome.

The BJP has deliberately adopted an ambiguous strategy on Nitish's leadership. At a rally in Begusarai, PM Modi said the NDA would win "under Nitish Kumar's leadership", but stopped short of naming him the CM face.

Meanwhile, the Mahagathbandhan sees a clear opening in the confusion. Tejashwi Yadav, I.N.D.I.A bloc's CM face, was quick to capitalise on it, saying, "Chacha (Nitish) is not in control. Two people from Gujarat, Modi and Shah, are running Bihar from Delhi."

CM WITHOUT A CROWN?

- Nitish remains the longest-serving CM, but his leadership divides the alliance
- His image as 'Sushasan Babu' still appeals to voters wary of Lalu-Rabri era
- Core BJP voters want party to lead independently after playing second fiddle
- BJP fears alienating JD(U) base, triggering tactical voting against the alliance

Chief minister hopefuls in retreat: When Chirag & Kishor bowed out of poll race

SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

They were the two high-profile young leaders who had announced their intent to contest the Bihar Assembly elections. But at the last minute, LJP(RV)'s Chirag Paswan and Jan Suraaj Party's Prashant Kishor opted out of the fray, choosing not to upset their political apple carts.

Prashant Kishor

Chirag Paswan

Paswan (42) and Kishor (47) both consider themselves chief ministerial material, having launched high-decibel 'Bihar First' campaigns. Each targeted Nitish Kumar's JD(U) and Lalu-Tejashwi Yadav's RJD for advancing their political journey.

Chirag continues to nurse chief minister ambitions, sensing an opening as Nitish and Lalu, who have dominated Bihar politics for nearly 35 years, enter the last leg of their careers. Kishor, too, sees a potential vacuum and believes he could emerge as a challenger to Tejashwi, the RJD scion.

As early as June, Chirag had announced that he would contest the polls, holding rallies in Nitish's strongholds despite being in alliance with the JD(U) and BJP in the state.

The first to hint at his candidacy was his brother-in-law, MP Arun Bharti, through a post on 'X'.

At rallies in Arrah and Saran in June-July, Chirag had said he would contest, as he wanted to take Bihar to new heights, highlighting his 'Bihar First, Bihari First' plank. The JD(U) has been suspicious of Chirag's moves, and Nitish is upset about the LJP(RV) being allotted some of his seats.

BIHAR VOTES

But as the elections drew closer, sources said Chirag was nudged not to precipitate a crisis within the NDA, given that the JD(U) had not forgotten how the LJP contested 137 seats in 2020, "deliberately" denting its prospects in several seats. Chirag quietly exited the contest, but only after securing 29 seats for his party, an allotment some claim was above its due.

Prashant Kishor, the political strategist-turned-leader, was also expected to enter the fray. But days after hinting he might contest against Tejashwi, he bowed out, saying he had decided not to fight in the "larger interest of the party", as it would have "distracted" him from the "necessary organisational work".

Kishor's detractors say he is not contesting because he now realises that his party is not doing well.

Yatra to no-show, 'missing' Rahul rattles Cong ranks

As key faces hit the ground running, Oppn leader's absence is conspicuous

ABHAY KUMAR
PATNA

As Bihar heads into its final week of campaigning before phase one polling on November 6, one conspicuous absence stands out: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has not visited the poll-bound state even once in the past one month, let alone addressed a public rally.

Rahul was in Patna on September 24 to attend the Congress Working Committee meeting. He was also part of I.N.D.I.A bloc's EBC manifesto release.

"The man who promised to detonate a hydrogen bomb (by giving further proof of vote theft) is missing from Bihar, even as leaders like Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, several Union ministers and Opposition leader Tejashwi Yadav campaign tirelessly for their nominees," said JD(U) spokesperson Neeraj Kumar.

Rahul Gandhi

BIHAR RETREAT

- Rahul has not visited Bihar in over a month
- His last appearance was on Sept 24
- Insiders say Rahul's absence may hurt the party
- Rahul reportedly miffed over seat arrangement, ticket distribution

Even Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, despite battling poor health, has been addressing rally after rally to boost the NDA's prospects.

"We are also puzzled by Rahul's prolonged absence from the Bihar battlefront. We saw him making 'imarti' at a sweetshop in New Delhi. But in Bihar, where he once galvanised party workers through his yatra and breathed life into a moribund Congress, his silence may cost us dearly," said a senior Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee (BPCC) official.

As part of the seat-sharing pact, the Congress is contesting 61 seats while the RJD is fielding candidates in 143 constituencies.

Congress sources say Rahul is reportedly miffed over the seat-sharing arrangement and the ticket distribution process. "Those who lost by just 134 votes were denied tickets, while candidates who lost by over 30,000 votes were retained," said Anand Madhav, former chief of the party's research wing, who recently quit after alleging that tickets were sold at a huge premium.

"Rahul will visit Bihar after the Chhath festival. His rally is scheduled for October 29 in Muzaffarpur, while Priyanka Gandhi is likely to arrive on October 28," said AICC general secretary KC Venugopal.

Incidentally, Venugopal and Bihar in-charge Krishna Allavaru have both faced criticism for the chaos surrounding ticket distribution.

Stalin calls Rahul brother, says DMK–Congress alliance strong

CHENNAI, DHNS: Sending out a strong political message to the Tamil Nadu Congress by referring to his "special and brotherly relationship" with Rahul Gandhi, DMK President M K Stalin on Monday said the two parties, which travelled different paths once, have come together for the betterment of the nation and that their electoral alliance will continue.

Stalin's lavish praise of Rahul Gandhi by recalling their special bonding of calling each other brothers and his assertion that their political friendship has transformed into a principled relationship come amid the local Congress unit's criticism of the DMK and its ministers over a host of issues.

The chief minister's statement also comes close on the heels of intense speculation that the Congress might be keeping its options open vis-à-vis aligning with Vijay's Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) if the DMK continues to bargain hard during seat-sharing talks for 2026 Assembly polls.

A few TNCC leaders have been pushing a narrative that an alliance with TVK would be beneficial for the Congress in Kerala and Puducherry, the Congress high command has so far not commented on such suggestions.

SOAKED DISSENT

Police use water cannon to disperse All India Democratic Youth Organisation members during a protest over Kerala signing PM SHRI MoU, in Thiruvananthapuram. PTI

BJP stands on its own in Maha: Shah

MRITYUNJAY BOSE
MUMBAI, DHNS

Launching the campaign for the forthcoming mega local bodies elections in Maharashtra, Union Home Minister Amit Shah sent out a strong message to allies — the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar-led NCP—saying the BJP no longer walks with the help of crutches in the state.

"Now, in Maharashtra, the BJP does not walk with the help of any crutches, but stands on its own strength," Shah said after performing the bhoomi-poojan for the new Maharashtra BJP state headquarters in the Churchgate area of Mumbai.

"The BJP holds a powerful and enduring place in India's political landscape. Likewise, in Maharashtra, the BJP's strong presence in the political arena is now beyond question," Shah said.

"Today is a very special day for all BJP workers, especially those from Maharashtra, as the state unit is about to mark a new chapter in history with the foundation ceremony of its new office. We all know that for us, the office is like a temple," he added.

Speaking about the BJP's growth in Maharashtra, Shah said: "I am happy that the BJP has not only grown stronger in Maharashtra, but has also stayed true to its traditions."

Shah's remarks came after he addressed two back-to-back functions attended by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and his deputies Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar.

"In Maharashtra, the BJP-led NDA has been victorious three times, and Devendra Fadnavis has become CM for the third time. Maharashtra currently has a double-engine government. However, I am not satisfied with just that — we want a triple-engine government," Shah said.

HC gives TN 10 days to frame SOP for political rallies

E T B SIVAPRIYAN
CHENNAI, DHNS

The Madras High Court on Monday gave the DMK government in Tamil Nadu ten days to frame a draft Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for organising political meetings and rallies in the state.

The move aims to prevent tragedies like the stampede at actor-politician Vijay's rally in Karur on September 27, which claimed 41 lives.

Following the Karur incident, Chief Minister M K Stalin had announced that the government would formulate a comprehensive SOP in consultation with experts, political parties, activists, and the public across the state.

He also said the SOP would serve as a model that could be adopted by other states as well.

Passing an interim order on a writ petition filed by Vijay's Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) prior to the Karur incident, a bench comprising Chief Justice M M Shrivastava and Justice G Arul Murugan directed the government to place the draft SOP before the court by November 11.

If the government fails to comply, the court said it would direct that applications seeking permission to hold political meetings be made at least ten days in advance, and that the police act on such applications at least three days before the event.

TVK had filed the petition, claiming it was aggrieved by the "onerous" conditions imposed by police for conducting its campaign meetings.

After the Karur tragedy, the government announced that no fresh permissions for political gatherings would be granted until the SOP was finalised.

Although the court initially gave the government one week to frame the SOP, the judges extended the deadline by three days after the Additional Advocate General requested more time, citing the need for consultation with multiple stakeholders.

Meanwhile, the court allowed TVK general secretary 'Bussy' Anand to withdraw his second anticipatory bail petition in a case filed against him in connection with the Karur stampede.

WHAT COURT SAID

- Asks state government to place draft SOP before the court by Nov 11
- If govt fails to comply, applications for political meetings must be made 10 days in advance
- Bench dismisses 'as withdrawn' bail petition filed by TVK general secretary N Anand

I am sorry: Vijay to families of Karur stampede victims

CHENNAI, DHNS: In a move that led to criticism from several quarters, Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) president and actor Vijay on Monday met with families of the victims of a stampede at his September 27 rally in Karur at a luxurious resort in Mamallapuram.

Of the 38 families, it is learnt that seven opted out of the visit citing 30th day ritual for the deceased while 31 families travelled about 400 km from Karur to reach Mamallapuram in buses specially arranged for them by TVK.

Vijay

"Vijay met the families one by one. It was a private meeting. Some families spoke to him for 20 to 30 minutes. We planned the event for about three hours, but it went on for over 10 hours. It was an outpouring of emotions, and none could stop," a source aware of the developments told *DH*.

"He apologised to them for not coming to Karur to meet them," the source added.

Vijay, according to the sources, also promised the families that he will stand-by them and help them for life.

Assam planning seven-year jail for polygamy in new bill

GUWAHATI, PTI: A proposed law against polygamy will have a punishment of at least seven years, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said on Monday.

The bill will be introduced in the Assembly on November 25, the first day of the winter session, he said at the launch of the second phase of the 'Mukhya Mantrir Nijut Moina' scheme.

"If a person marries another woman without legally divorcing his wife, then there will be provision of seven years or more imprisonment irrespective of his religion," he told the beneficiary girls attending the programme.

The accused may say that his religion permits it, but the BJP government will never allow polygamy, he added.

Sarma said, "We will protect the dignity of women at any cost."

The government last year launched the 'Mukhya Mantrir Nijut Moina' scheme to support girl education by providing monthly assistance of Rs 1,000 for Class 11 students, Rs 1,250 for first-year undergraduates and Rs 2,500 for first-year postgraduates, and BEd students for 10 months. "Because of the scheme, enrolment rate rose and dropout rate of girl students declined," he said.

Cyclone Montha: Andhra on high alert, coast receives rains

Landfall expected today; mass evacuations begin

HYDERABAD, BHUBANESWAR
DHNS & PTI

WIDE AWAKE

- Control centres of the SDRF and APSDMA activated, and satellite phones arranged
- Govt employees' leaves cancelled
- Educational institutions in most coastal districts closed
- Pregnant women close to delivery have been shifted to nearby hospitals

A red alert has been sounded from Nellore to Srikakulam districts in Andhra Pradesh after a depression over the Bay of Bengal intensified into Cyclone Montha. Coastal regions began experiencing strong winds and intermittent rainfall from Monday morning.

All government employees' leaves have been cancelled. Control centres of the SDRF and APSDMA have been activated, and satellite phones arranged. Cyclone shelters across 57 coastal mandals have been set up and 62 mechanised boats were brought back to shore. Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav said that 787 pregnant women close to delivery have been shifted to nearby hospitals as a precautionary measure.

Tourist movement along coastal areas has been banned, while educational institutions in most coastal districts have been closed till Wednesday.

SDRF and NDRF teams were kept on standby. The IMD stated that as of Monday, cyclone was located about 520 km east-southeast of Chennai, 570 km south-southeast of Kakinada & 600 km south-southeast of Visakhapatnam.

The system is expected to move north-northwestward and intensify into a severe cyclonic storm by Tuesday morning, before crossing the Andhra Pradesh coast between Machilipatnam and Kalingapatnam around Kakinada on Tuesday evening or night, with wind speeds reaching 90–100 kmph, gusting up to 110 kmph.

The Odisha government also geared up the evacuation of people from vulnerable places amid inclement weather in eight southern districts where a "red alert" has been sounded.

The state government, which had earlier deployed 128 rescue teams from NDRF, ODRAF and Fire Service, further augmented it to 140 teams keeping in view of requirement, Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Suresh Pujari said.

Boy kills father to stop sexual abuse of sisters in UP

LUCKNOW, DHNS: A minor boy, aided by his cousin, hacked his father to death after the man allegedly raped his two daughters for several years, police said on Monday.

The two boys surrendered before the police in Mathura district after the killing, according to officials.

According to sources, the deceased, a resident of Bharatpur district in Rajasthan, had been sexually harassing his two minor daughters for several years. Victims' mother had died a few years back.

Victims' minor brother had earlier tried to stop the sexual harassment, but failed.

A few days ago the boy had shifted his sisters to a relative's house in the Kosikalan area of Mathura district.

However, the father arrived and insisted on taking the two daughters back home. The boy again protested, and the two had a scuffle. The boy and his cousin then attacked him with a sword. The man suffered serious injuries and died before being taken to a hospital.

The duo went to the Kosikalan police station, informed the police about the incident, and were taken into custody.

Police said girls in their statement said that they were being sexually harassed by their father for the past few years. A case had been registered and investigations were on, police added.

Yogi proposes renaming Mustafabad to Kabirdham

SANJAY PANDEY
LUCKNOW, DHNS

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday said the era of erasing India's heritage in the name of 'secularism' was 'over' and proposed renaming Mustafabad in Lakhimpur Kheri district as 'Kabirdham'.

Addressing a public meeting in Mustafabad, Adityanath said his government had undertaken the work of beautification and restoration of the old glory of the religious places in the state.

"The earlier governments spent this money on constructing boundary walls around the cemeteries," he added.

He said governments in the past had rechristened Ayodhya as Faizabad, Prayagraj as Allahabad and Kabirdham as Mustafabad.

"We have restored the original identity of these places," he said.

"The opposition governments used to do it on the pretext of secularism.....it is nothing but hypocrisy....the era of erasing our heritage in the name of secularism is now over," the chief minister added.

He said it was surprising that no Muslims lived in the village, yet it was named Mustafabad. "This place will henceforth be known as Kabirdham, he announced, adding that the state government would take necessary action to complete the renaming of Mustafabad."

The place was known to have been associated with the Saint tradition, and a famous Hindu seer, Sant Asangdev Maharaj, resided here. His teachings are still popular among the locals, and a large number of devotees flock to his 'ashram' here every year.

Adityanath said the teachings of Kabir were still relevant as they promoted brotherhood.

While the BJP leaders have hailed these changes, the opposition parties have termed them as a 'stunt' aimed at covering the failures of the government.

Kurnool bus tragedy: All 19 victims identified, bodies handed over to families

S N V SUDHIR
HYDERABAD, DHNS

With the handing over of the 19th body, Kurnool district authorities on Monday completed the process of returning all mortal remains of those who died in last Friday's devastating fire on a luxury AC sleeper bus in Andhra Pradesh.

As the bodies were charred beyond recognition, the government went for DNA testing to establish identities, deploying 16 teams of medical and forensic experts for the analysis.

The final body, identified as N Prashanth, 29, from Tamil Nadu, was handed over to his family and cremated in the presence of local authorities on Monday.

Police also confirmed the identity of a passenger who boarded the ill-fated bus at Aramghar in Hyderabad without a reservation.

DNA results matched him with Trimurthy, 59, a resident of Kuppam in Chittoor district.

Trimurthy had travelled to Hyderabad to attend a friend's son's wedding and boarded the V Kaveri Travels bus for his return journey. Before leaving, he had called his daughter to inform her that he would arrive home the next morning.

When he did not return and his phone remained unreachable, police traced CCTV footage confirming he had boarded the bus. Following DNA confirmation, his body was handed over to relatives.

Heart-rending scenes unfolded at the Kurnool Government General Hospital on Sunday and Monday as families received the bodies of their loved ones. By Sunday night, 18 bodies had been identified and handed over.

The remains, preserved in freezer boxes, were transported to their respective hometowns in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana via ambulances, Mahaprasthanam vehicles.

MISCELLANY

◆ COMICS ◆

Blondie

NED AND NORA NOSYMAN SAID THE NOISE FROM ALEXANDER'S BAND PRACTICES RATTLES THEIR CHANDELIER
REALLY?
I ALSO HEARD THAT KATHY KLUMP THINKS BLONDIE'S NEW PASTRY CHEF'S DESSERTS ARE TO DIE FOR!
BOY, EVERYBODY KNOWS EVERYTHING SINCE THEY STARTED THAT NEW NEIGHBORHOOD FACEBOOK PAGE!

Hagar The Horrible

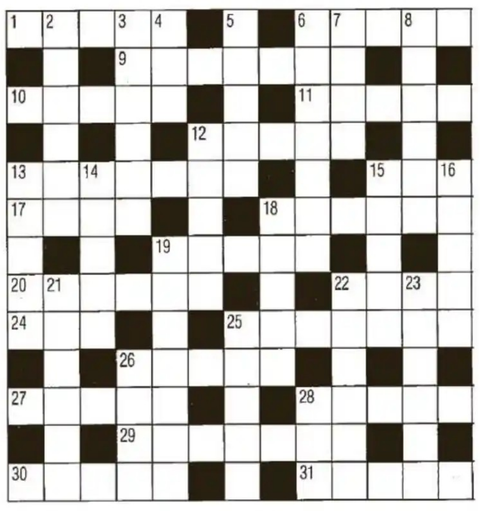
Beetle Bailey

Peanuts

YOU REALLY LIKED THAT LITTLE RED-HAIRED GIRL, DIDN'T YOU, CHUCK?
WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER DO, HIT A HOME RUN WITH THE BASES LOADED OR MARRY THE LITTLE RED-HAIRED GIRL?
WHY COULDN'T I DO BOTH?
WE LIVE IN A REAL WORLD, CHUCK!

Marvin

CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 12275



CRYPTIC

ACROSS
1 The right oven for the joint (5)
6 Avoids runners about to make a poor start (5)
9 Bridge's associate game (7)
10 Remove a long piece (5)
11 Heroes have their pride (5)
12 Many a vital part may project overboard (5)
13 Excited when promoted after being sacked (5,2)
15 She's a fixer (3)
17 Freshwater duck with a red back (4)
18 I go far, in potential, as a barber (6)
19 Suit what athletes train to do (5)
20 Follows suggestions (6)
22 There's a trick about taking us in (4)
24 The yachtsman's cry for attention (3)
25 Taking a horse out for some period, get soaked! (7)
26 Marks made by bolts (5)
27 Granddad's wireless? (5)
28 One watches them being projected (5)
29 Went round the world, as stated on Tuesday (7)
30 Blue ones are fine! (5)
31 Dignitaries in Chaldean society (5)

DOWN
2 One may be in doubt as to how to make a better offer (6)
3 Creature that goes around in prides (6)
4 A leading spinner (3)
5 One keeping watch? (5)
6 To canvass is so legal! (7)
7 Unite to get Christopher out of the way (4)
8 By going round the pub, one gets somewhere near Harrow (6)
12 Noble fellows useful in a punch-up (5)
13 Bridge partner, the so-called "fourth" (5)
14 Crashed early in the race (5)
15 Become familiar with a pulp product (3,2)
16 Look embarrassed when wounded (5)
18 Punches a skinhead in brief attacks (5)
19 Saul's loud outcries? (7)
21 Something said about an evangelist (6)
22 Trapped in matted reeds, I remain (6)
23 A good talking to (6)
25 Frowning in consternation (5)
26 It may hurt a little at closing time (4)
28 Given food by a fatheaded fellow (3)

ACROSS
1 Seize wrongfully (5)
6 Chessmen (5)
9 Spray can (7)
10 Particle of sand (5)
11 Slack (5)
12 Indian monetary unit (5)
13 Questionable (7)
15 Priest's garment (3)
17 Paradise (4)
18 Parent (6)
19 Manservant (5)
20 Nonsense (6)
22 Ribbon (4)
24 Transgression (3)
25 Capital of Iraq (7)
26 Danger (5)
27 Javelin (5)
28 Light boat (5)
29 Spite (7)
30 Desire (5)
31 Anaesthetic (5)

DOWN
2 Cover (6)
3 Dried grape (6)
4 Enclosure (3)
5 Spurious (5)
6 Fitch (7)
7 Shrub (4)
8 Snuggle (6)
12 Rustic (5)
13 Actions (5)
14 Start (5)
15 In front (5)
16 Bring up (5)
18 Wild (5)
19 Old soldier (7)
21 Light wave (6)
22 Frustrate (6)
23 Early release (6)
25 Female dog (5)
26 Young salmon (4)
28 Signal (3)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12274

CRYPTIC
ACROSS: 3, I-Deal 8, Hi-RA-m 10, Rum-my 11, Tom 12, Car-a-t 13, Iceberg 15, R-efer 18, Lay 19, Easily 21, Serpent 22, He-ar 23, Flea 24, Vice-Roy 26, Er-otic 29, Ma-X 31, Pan-ic 32, Wi-nters 34, At-ti-c 35, Ram 36, Me-tro 37, No-Ted 38, Ar-d-en.
DOWN: 1, Witch 2, G-amble-r 4, Drag 5, A-R.A.-rat 6, Lutes 7, Im-P-el 9, Roe 12, Cry-ptic 14, Ear 16, F-I-L-ly 17, R-ydal 19, Endemic 20, She-ep 21, Sal-on 23, Fox-trot 24, Victor 25, RA-n 27, RaVEn 28, Tiara 30, Armed 32, Wire 33, Eat.

EASY
ACROSS: 3, Galas 8, Vague; 10, Bonus 11, Put 12, Regal 13, Catches 15, Caber 18, Hug 19, Curate 21, Rebukes 22, Pier 23, Lime 24, Gastric 26, Cougar 29, Aim 31, Steer 32, Tidings 34, Risen 35, Tug 36, Seems 37, Henry 38, Shame.
DOWN: 1, Japan 2, Butcher 4, Ayes 5, Abacus 6, Solar 7, Duvet 9, Gut 12, Regular 14, Hub 16, Basic 17, Rebel 19, Certain 20, Specs 21, Revue 23, Limited 24, Garish 25, Rid 27, Otter 28, Germs 30, Aggro 32, Team 33, Nun.

◆SU-DO-KU-6736◆

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hard

9	1	8	2	4	3	6	5	7
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7	9	2	3	8	4	1	6	5
8	5	1	7	6	9	3	4	2
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1	8	3	9	5	6	2	7	4
5	6	7	4	3	2	9	1	8
4	2	9	8	7	1	5	3	6

SOLUTION TO 6735

To solve the puzzle: To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

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E1	I1	G2	S1	T1	C3	A1		RACK 1
E1	I1	I1	N1	V4	D2	T1	Double Word Score	RACK 2
I1	G2	D2	N1	F4	N1	U1	Triple Word Score	RACK 3
O1	R1	O1	F4	S1	L1	D2		RACK 4
I1	T1	P3	N1	O1	S1	O1		RACK 5

PAR SCORE 185-195
by JUDD

FIVE RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

B3	A1	T1	H4	E1	S1		RACK 1	= 17
P3	R1	E1	F4	I1	X8		RACK 2	= 54
H4	A1	B3	I1	T1	U1	S1	RACK 3	= 62
Z10	E1	A1	L1	O1	U1	S1	RACK 4	= 82
								215

PAR SCORE 140-150 JUDD'S TOTAL

JUMBLE®

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

OSUHE

COERF

ROCEEN

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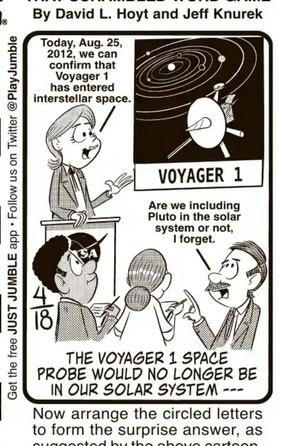
Today, Aug. 25, 2012, we can confirm that Voyager 1 has entered interstellar space.
VOYAGER 1
Are we including Pluto in the solar system or not, I forget.
4/18
THE VOYAGER 1 SPACE PROBE WOULD NO LONGER BE IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SHEEN VENUE ARCADE TRUSTY
Answer: The electricians at the conference mingled and discussed — CURRENT EVENTS

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HITORI-3190

3	5	3	6	4	6	1	8
8	6	4	3	1	3	2	3
3	3	2	7	6	3	5	1
3	7	1	7	5	2	3	3
7	8	5	1	2	3	6	4
5	4	2	5	8	1	4	2
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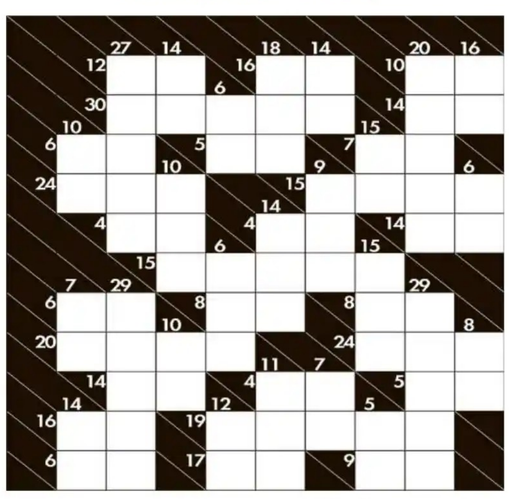
1	3	6	8	3	7	4	5

SOLUTION TO 3189

■	2	5	■	1	4	6	■
2	4	■	6	7	■	8	5
4	7	8	1	3	2	5	■
■	8	1	3	■	5	■	7
1	■	3	2	8	■	4	6
6	5	4	■	2	1	7	■
8	■	2	5	6	■	1	3
■	1	7	4	■	8	2	■

To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

KAKURO- 3190



SOLUTION TO 3189

To solve the puzzle: Put a number from 1 through 9 in a cell. No zeros. A number in a cell separated by diagonal line tells the sum of numbers in consecutive cells at its right or downward. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

SU DO KU X - 3718

6	5							8
	■						■	
		■	5		2	■		
			2		6		5	
5				4				2
	9		■		■	3		
		■				8		
8	■	7				1	■	
1					8			5

SOLUTION TO 3717

9	7	3	6	5	4	1	8	2
6	2	1	8	9	7	5	3	4
8	4	5	2	3	1	6	9	7
2	3	7	4	6	8	9	5	1
1	6	8	9	7	5	2	4	3
5	9	4	1	2	3	7	6	8
7	1	9	3	4	6	8	2	5
3	5	6	7	8	2	4	1	9
4	8	2	5	1	9	3	7	6

To solve the puzzle: The objective is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, each 3x3 box and each shaded diagonal line contains the same number only once.

India hits out at West's double standards on energy, terror

What is preached is not practised, India takes a subtle dig at US, Europe

NEW DELHI, DHNS

Principles are selectively applied, and what is preached is not necessarily practised, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said in Kuala Lumpur on Monday, in a veiled swipe at the United States and other Western nations for accusing India of funding the war in Ukraine and pressing it to stop buying oil from Russia.

He also indirectly criticised the US and European Union sanctions on Russia and Iran, saying restrictions on energy trade were causing global market distortions.

Jaishankar, who met United States Secretary of State Marco Rubio earlier in the day, told the East Asia Summit in the Malaysian capital that the world must show zero tolerance towards terrorism and that nations' right to defend themselves against it could never be compromised.

His remarks came amid tensions in India–US relations in recent months, fuelled by President Donald Trump's tariff hikes and criticism of India's oil imports from Russia. Strains also

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio in Kuala Lumpur on Monday. PTI

grew over his administration's praise of Pakistan's counterterrorism efforts, despite India's concerns about cross-border terrorism, particularly after the April 22 terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir. Trump has also claimed credit for mediating a ceasefire between India and Pakistan after a four-day military flare-up on May 10.

"Appreciated the discussion on our bilateral ties as well as regional and global issues," Jaishankar posted on X after meeting Rubio on the sidelines of the summit. Neither he nor India's Ministry of External Affairs shared further details, and the US State Department also did not disclose what was discussed.

Rubio had said on Saturday that Washington wanted to expand its ties with Pakistan beyond counterterrorism cooperation, but not at the expense of its relationship with India. Trump, too, reiterated that India would eventually end its oil imports from Russia.

"We meet in complicated times. There are growing concerns about the reliability of supply chains and access to markets. Technology advancement has become very competitive, and the quest for natural resources even more so," Jaishankar said at the summit. "Energy trade is increasingly constricted, with resulting market distortions. Principles are applied selectively, and what is preached is not necessarily practised."

Trump had announced on August 6 an additional 25% tariff—on top of an earlier 25%—on India's exports to the US, in an effort to dissuade New Delhi from buying oil from Russia.

Putin should not be testing missiles: US

Our submarine stationed off Russia's coast, says Trump

AIR FORCE ONE, REUTERS

TOUGH POSTURE

- Kremlin brushes off Trump's warning, says Moscow will act in its own security interests
- White House signals new sanctions if Russia delays Ukraine peace

US President Donald Trump said on Monday that Russian President Vladimir Putin should end the war in Ukraine instead of testing a nuclear-powered missile, adding that the United States had a nuclear submarine positioned off Russia's coast.

Putin said on Sunday that Russia had successfully tested its nuclear-powered Burevestnik cruise missile, a nuclear-capable weapon Moscow claims can pierce any defence shield, and that it would move towards deploying the system.

Moscow said the 9M730 Burevestnik had flown for 14,000 km. Asked aboard Air Force One about the test of the missile, dubbed the SSC-X-9 Skyfall by Nato, Trump said the US did not need to fly so far, as it had a nuclear submarine off Russia's coast.

"They know we have a nuclear submarine, the greatest in the world, right off their shores, so I mean, it doesn't have to go 8,000 miles," Trump told reporters. "I don't think it's an appropriate thing for Putin to be saying, either, by the way. You ought to get the war ended — the war that should have taken one week is now in its fourth year. That's what you ought to do instead of testing missiles."

Kremlin sees no reason for missile test to strain ties

Since first announcing the 9M730 Burevestnik in 2018, Putin has portrayed the weapon as a response to US efforts to build a missile defence shield after Washington, in 2001, unilaterally withdrew from the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty and sought to expand the Nato alliance.

Asked about Trump's comments, the Kremlin said Russia would be guided by its own national interests but saw no reason for the test to strain ties with the US.

"Despite all our openness to establishing a dialogue with the US, Russia, first of all, and the President of Russia, is guided by our own national interests," Kremlin spokesman said.

US President Donald Trump is welcomed by Japan's Emperor Naruhito upon his arrival at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo on Monday. AFP

Trump lands in Tokyo as Japan vows bigger defence role

Tokyo expected to promise more investments

TOKYO, REUTERS

MEETING AGENDA

- Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi is expected to reassure Trump that Japan will increase its defence commitments
- Tokyo and Washington plan to sign a memorandum of understanding on investment in shipbuilding
- Trump has repeatedly criticised Tokyo for not spending enough to defend itself against China

US President Donald Trump received a royal welcome in Japan on Monday, with defence and security expected to dominate talks as Tokyo prepares to expand its military role under a new leadership.

The visit marks the latest leg of his five-day Asia trip, which he hopes to cap with an agreement on a trade war truce with Chinese President Xi Jinping. Trump, making his longest journey abroad since taking office in January, had earlier announced a flurry of deals on trade and critical minerals with four Southeast Asian nations during his first stop in Malaysia. He is set to meet Xi in South Korea on Thursday.

Wearing a gold tie and blue suit, Trump made a few fist pumps before his helicopter took him on a scenic night tour of Tokyo, with several towers lit up in the red, white and blue of the American flag. He later visited the Imperial Palace, where he shook hands and posed for photographs with Japanese Emperor Naruhito.

Thousands of police were deployed across Tokyo after a knife-wielding man was arrested on Friday outside the US embassy. Trump has already secured a $550-billion investment pledge from Tokyo in exchange for relief from punishing import tariffs.

US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick and Japanese counterpart Ryosei Akazawa, architects of the July tariff deal, discussed potential investment in power grids over a sushi lunch earlier on Monday, local media reported.

Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi, Japan's first female premier, is expected to further impress Trump on Tuesday with promises to purchase US pickup trucks, soybeans, and gas, and to announce an agreement on shipbuilding, sources told Reuters.

Trump flirts with third term as supporters push 2028 'plan'

NYT NEWS SERVICE: President Donald Trump said that he underwent magnetic resonance imaging earlier this month, telling reporters aboard Air Force One on Monday that the results had been "perfect" but declining to say why his doctors had ordered the scan.

Trump also reiterated that he was interested in serving a third term, saying that he "would love to do it" because of his popularity with his supporters. The president, who spoke to journalists for about 30 minutes on a flight to Tokyo from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, during his nearly weeklong trip to Asia, appeared intent on portraying himself as fit to lead, if not to run for the presidency again.

The Constitution sets a two-term limit for presidents, but Trump and his supporters have increasingly floated the possibility of finding a way to circumvent the 22nd Amendment, which states that "no person shall be elected to the office of the president more than twice".

Trump appeared keen to present himself as the picture of physical and mental health, claiming that two Democratic lawmakers — Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Jasmine Crockett — would not "pass" the cognitive health exams he has taken at Walter Reed.

Last week, Steve Bannon, Trump's former strategist, said that he was part of "a plan" to help the president get elected to a third term. "Trump is going to be president in '28, and people ought to just get accommodated with that," Bannon said.

WORLD AT A GLANCE

New York City mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani (C) campaigns with Senator Bernie Sanders and US Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez in the Queens borough of New York City on Sunday. REUTERS

Indian-origin woman raped in 'racially aggravated' attack

A 20-year-old woman, identified as being of Indian heritage, was allegedly raped in what police believe was a "racially aggravated" attack in the West Midlands region of England over the weekend, PTI reports from London.

The police said a 32-year-old man was arrested on Monday morning after a manhunt was launched in the wake of the attack on Saturday evening. The West Midlands Police said they were called to the Park Hall area of Walsall following concerns for the welfare of a woman in distress in the street.

Detective Superintendent (DS) Ronan Tyrer, who is overseeing the investigation for the force, described the arrest in the Perry Barr area of the region as a "significant development". "Our investigation will progress today, and, as always, our priority is the woman who was the subject of this attack," said DS Tryer. "She has been updated this morning and will continue to receive full support," he said. On Sunday, the force released CCTV footage of the suspect, a white male in his 30s, as part of an urgent public appeal for information related to the crime.

Indian sailors rescued off Lanka

Indian sailors were among the 14-member crew rescued by the Sri Lankan Navy from the merchant vessel Integrity Star after it experienced engine failure, PTI reports from Colombo.

Naval spokesman Commander Buddhika Sampath said the vessel was in distress 100 nautical miles south of Sri Lanka and the "crew was in a desperate situation". Nine of the 14 crew members were Indian nationals. Sampath said.

Upon receiving the distress alert, the Samudura craft was deployed for a search and rescue operation under the directives of the Ministry of Defence, the navy said. The vessel was brought to the southern port of Hambantota.

Actors Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson attend the world premiere of Focus Features' "Song Sung Blue" at the AFI Fest in Hollywood on Sunday. AFP

Milei triumphs in Argentine polls

Argentina's libertarian President Javier Milei won decisive victories in key districts in midterm elections Sunday, clinching a crucial vote of confidence that strengthens his ability to carry out his radical free-market experiment with billions of dollars in backing from the Trump administration, AP/PTI reports from Buenos Aires (Argentina).

Milei's governing La Libertad Avanza party won over 40 per cent of votes in national elections to renew almost half of the lower house of Congress, according to tallies in local media using numbers from electoral authorities with more than 97 per cent of votes counted. La Libertad Avanza also swept six of the eight provinces in the vote to renew a third of the Senate. The figures exceeded analysts' projections for Sunday's vote.

World's oldest prez wins again

Cameroon's top court on Monday declared incumbent Paul Biya, the world's oldest president, the winner of the latest election, AP/PTI reports from Yaounde.

Clashes with security forces in Cameroon left at least four protesters dead ahead of the announcement as opposition supporters rallied to demand credible results. The 92-year-old Biya has led the central African nation since 1982. The Constitutional Council said he received 53.66% of votes on October 12 while former ally-turned challenger Issa Tchiroma Bakary got 35.19%. The four protesters were shot dead in Douala, the economic capital, on Sunday, while more than 100 were arrested as hundreds of people stormed the streets in several cities.

No role for Turkey in Gaza force: Israel

BUDAPEST, AFP: Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar said on Monday that only countries that are "at least fair" to Israel could send troops to secure war-torn Gaza, ruling out Turkey's participation. Turkey has been keen to join a planned international force.

Pak reiterates support for Kashmiris

ISLAMABAD, PTI: President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday reiterated Pakistan's unwavering support to the people of Kashmir in their "just struggle for the right to self-determination."

Govt. of Karnataka
Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society, Bengaluru
(An Organisation of Government of Karnataka)
No.8, MSB-1, 6th & 7th Floor, Karnataka Marketing Federation Building, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru-560052.

No: KREIS/INFR/OTH/103/2025-ADMN/E-217056 Date: 27.10.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Only)

Short term Re-Tenders have been invited on 24.10.2025 for **Supply & Installation of Water Purifier for Belagavi, Bengaluru, Kalaburagi & Mysore Divisions Residential Schools functioning under the Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society across Karnataka,** through e-Portal vide Indent No. **KREIS/2025-26/IND0077/CALL-3, KREIS/2025-26/IND0078/CALL-3, KREIS/2025-26/IND0079/ CALL-3 & KREIS/2025-26/IND0080/CALL-3** and the last date for receipt of tenders is **08.11.2025.** The details may be viewed in the **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** website.

Sd/- Joint Director (Admin)
and Tender Inviting Authority, KREIS

DIPR/CP/YC/3427/2025-26

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
OPEN TENDER NOTICE No. 22/SBC/25 of 15.10.2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Sl.	Description of work	Approx Value
1	**Penukonda Section:** Pway maintenance contract for two years 2025-2027 in SSE/PWAY/PKD (Penukonda) section, under Sr. Divisional Engineer/North/Bengaluru (SBC) jurisdiction.	Rs. 5,22,05,281/-
2	**Yesvanthpur Section:** Pway maintenance contract for two years 2025-2027 in SSE/PWAY/YPR (Yesvanthpur) section, under Sr. Divisional Engineer/North/Bengaluru (SBC) jurisdiction.	Rs. 5,58,09,467/-
3	**Yelahanka Section:** Pway maintenance contract for two years 2025-2027 in SSE/PWAY/YNK (Yelahanka) section, under Sr. Divisional Engineer/North/Bengaluru (SBC) jurisdiction.	Rs. 5,53,61,589/-
4	**Hosur section:** Pway maintenance contract for two years 2025-2027 in SSE/PWAY/HSRA (Hosur) section, under Divisional Engineer/South/Bengaluru (SBC) jurisdiction.	Rs. 5,36,23,340/-
5	**Dharmapuri-North section:** Pway maintenance contract for two years 2025-2027 in SSE/PWAY/DPJ-N (Dharmapuri North) section, under Divisional Engineer/South/Bengaluru (SBC) jurisdiction.	Rs. 4,81,76,875/-
6	**Dharmapuri-South section :** Pway maintenance contract for two years 2025-2027 in SSE/PWAY /DPJ-S (Dharmapuri South) section, under Divisional Engineer/South/Bengaluru (SBC) jurisdiction.	Rs. 3,85,68,488/-
7	**Kunigal section:** Pway maintenance contract for two years 2025-2027 in SSE/PWAY/KIGL (Kunigal) section, under Divisional Engineer/South/Bengaluru (SBC) jurisdiction.	Rs. 4,55,87,051/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 17.11.2025**
For details log on: **www.ireps.gov.in**
PUB/574/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26 **Senior Divisional Engineer/Co-Ordination/Bengaluru**
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Metro Railway, Kolkata
Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer/Project, Metro Railway, Kolkata for & on behalf of The President of India invites e-Tender against Open Tender due to open on 17.11.2025 at 15:00 hrs. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Name of Work:** Comprehensive annual maintenance contract for two years for CCTV & ACS system in Phase 1 stations of Green line of Metro Railway Kolkata. **Tender Value** : ₹ 2,56,35,910.61; **Earnest Money :** ₹ 2,78,200, **Completion Period :** 24 months. The tender can be viewed at Website : **https://www.ireps.gov.in** The tenderer/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered on IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/bidders can participate on e-Tendering. All relevant papers must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-Tender.
Tender Notice No. : S&T/Work_23-2025
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No.: ECN-TRD-05-2025
Dated 18.10.2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Design, supply, erection, testing, commissioning of 2x25 KV OHE and PSI system (TSS's SP's and SSP's) including electrical general services, engineering works between Urukere (excl.) (ch:11/687) to Tavarekere (incl.) (ch:66/400) and Chitradurg (excl.) (ch:142/920) to Tolahunse (excl.) (ch:192/524) of Tumakuru - Davangere (TK-DVG) section (104.317 RKM / 128.013 TKM) along with design, supply, erection, testing, commissioning of 220 KV / 25 KV traction substation at Chikkamagaluru and Shikaripura with transmission line provision from GSS.	Rs. 332,97,15,455.38

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 16.02.2026
For details log on: **www.ireps.gov.in**
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IN THE COURT OF THE III ADDL. PRINCIPLE JUDGE, FAMILY COURT, BENGALURU
M.C. No. 6474/2019
BETWEEN : Mr. K. K. Thomas, Aged about 59 years, S/o M.K. Kurian, No. 67, Mezzainene Floor, Domlur, Bengaluru - 560 071. ...Petitioner
AND : Miss. Peroormalil Thomas Tesay @ Tessy P Thomas, Aged about 50 years, W/o K.K. Thomas, No. 69, 1st Main, Domlur Layout, Bangalore-560 071. ...Respondent
SUMMONS / NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT
To, **Miss. Peroormalil Thomas Tesay @ Tessy P Thomas,** Aged about 50 years, W/o K.K. Thomas, No. 69, 1st Main, Domlur Layout, Bangalore-560 071.
Whereas, the Petitioner has instituted the above petition under section 10 (1) (ix) & (x) of the Indian Divorce Act against the respondent for grant of decree of dissolution to the marriage held between the petitioner and the respondent dated 14/12/2009, which is registered in the office of the Registrar of marriage, Indiranagar, Bangalore, and to dissolve their marriage etc. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by pleader **on the 12th day of January 2026 at 11 o'clock** to answer the same, failing which the petition will be disposed off in ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this 14th day of October 2025.
By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, Family Court, Bengaluru.
M/s. SSP LEX SCIENTIA
Advocate & Consultants
No. 137, (Old No. 22) 7th Main, 'A' Cross, BTM Layout, 1st Stage, Bangalore-560 029.
Mobile : 94480 80323
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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYAT, BELGAUM
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION, CHIKODI
(Email: preckdee@gmail.com)
No: PRED/CKD/DB-1/kppp/2025-26/4991 Date: 24-10-2025
CORRIGENDUM-II NOTIFICATIOIN
Ref: Tender notification No. 4723, Date: 10-10-2025.
With ref, to the above notification was published. Due to some technical issues corrigendum notification is issued in kppp for modification of Date as under.
Indent No: 18529

1	The last date of Submission of Tenders through KPP Portal	03-11-2025 Up to 4:00 PM
2	Opening of Technical Bid	05-11-2025 at 11:00 AM
3	Opening of Financial Bid	07-11-2025 at 11:00 AM

All the other term and conditions remain same as mentioned in the above cited earlier Tender Notifications & e-procurement portal. (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)
For further information contact the Office of the Executive Engineer, PRE Division, Chikodi during office hours or e-mail ID: preckdee@gmail.com.
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P. R. E. Division, Chikodi.
DIPR/Ro No-1226/2025-26

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कमांकः—विशा / स्टोर / 2025—25(345), दिनांक—17.10.2025
निविदा सूचना का शुद्धिपत्र
विशेष शाखा पुलिस मुख्यालय की निविदा सूचना कमांक **SB/Store/2025-25 (308), Dated-30.09.2025** द्वारा **Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)-23 No.** के क्रय हेतु. ई—निविदा सूचना जारी की गई है। उपरोक्त आमंत्रित निविदा में क्रय किये जाने वाले उपरोक्त उपकरण के **समय सारणी** में आंशिक संशोधन के संबंध में **"शुद्धिपत्र" (Corrigendum)** जारी किया गया है जो website https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app पर विभाग की वेबसाईट www.mppolice.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।
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SC allows Centre to review Vi's Rs 5,606 cr AGR dues for FY17

Telco contested the additional claims as unsustainable

NEW DELHI, PTI

In a significant development, the Supreme Court on Monday permitted the Centre to reconsider and reconcile Vodafone Idea Ltd's pending adjusted gross revenue dues amounting to Rs 5,606 crore for the financial year 2016–17, observing that the issue falls within the policy domain of the government.

Adjusted gross revenue (AGR) is the income figure used to calculate the licence fees and spectrum charges that telecom companies must pay to the government.

A bench comprising Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran passed the order while hearing a writ petition filed by Vodafone Idea challenging fresh AGR-related demands raised by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT). The telco contended that these additional claims were unsustainable as the liabilities had already been crystallised by the apex court's 2019 judgment on AGR dues.

During the hearing, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, informed the court that the government now holds 49% equity in Vodafone Idea, and that around 20 crore consumers depend on its services. He submitted that given these circumstances, the Centre was willing to examine the issues raised by the company to ensure that consumer interests are safeguarded.

The bench noted that the petition has been filed seeking the quashing of additional AGR demands for 2016-17, and further directions to comprehensively reassess all dues.

"The solicitor general on instructions states that taking into consideration the change in circumstances, i.e., the Centre acquiring 49 per cent equity and 20 crore customers utilising the service of the petitioner, the Union (government) is willing to examine the issues raised by the petitioner (company)," the bench said.

"Taking into consideration the status of the case now -- the government has infused substantial equity into the company and that it will have direct bearing on 20 crore customers -- we see no issue in the Union reconsidering the issue and taking appropriate steps," the CJI said in the order.

Clarifying that the issue fell under the policy domain of the Union, the bench said, "There is no reason as to why the Union should be prevented from doing that, and with that view of the matter, we dispose of the writ petition."

Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Vodafone Idea, argued that the DoT's additional demand of Rs 5,606 crore for FY 2016-17 was unsustainable since the dues had already been determined following the Supreme Court's 2019 verdict.

The dispute over AGR, particularly its inclusion of non-telecom income, led to massive liabilities on the telecom operators, with Vodafone Idea and other telcos among the hardest hit.

Vodafone Idea shares jump nearly 4%

NEW DELHI, PTI: Shares of Vodafone Idea ended nearly 4% higher on Monday after the Supreme Court permitted the Centre to reconsider and reconcile the company's pending adjusted gross revenue dues amounting to Rs 5,606 crore for the financial year 2016–17.

The stock climbed 3.85% to settle at Rs 9.99 on the BSE. During the day, it surged 9.87% to Rs 10.57.

At the NSE, the stock jumped 3.63% to Rs 9.97.

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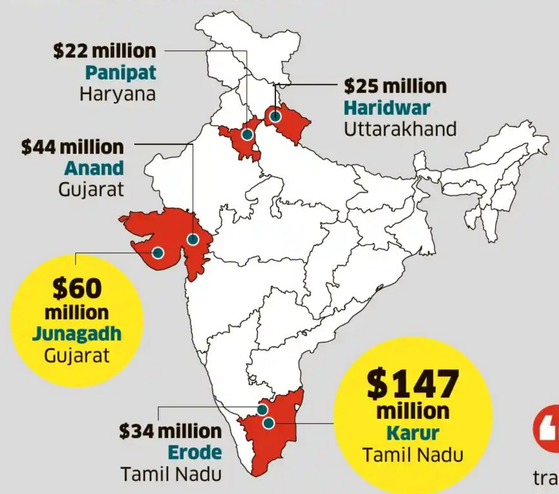
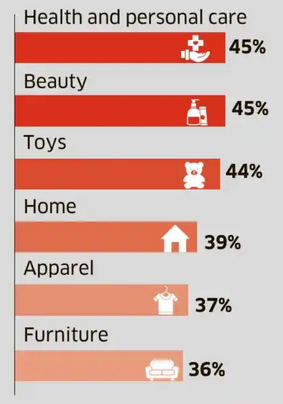
Small cities witnessing remarkable growth on Amazon Global Selling in 2024



Top product categories on Amazon Global Selling (2015-2024)



Top states and products on Amazon Global Selling in 2024

State	Total exporters	Key export markets
Maharashtra	22,000+	US, UK, Canada, UAE, Germany
New Delhi (National Capital Territory)	32,000+	US, UK, Canada, Germany, France
Tamil Nadu	7,000+	US, UK, Canada, Germany, France
Gujarat	24,000+	US, UK, Germany, Canada, Italy
Uttar Pradesh	25,000+	US, UK, Canada, Germany, UAE
Rajasthan	29,000+	US, UK, Germany, Canada, France
Haryana	11,000+	US, UK, Canada, Germany, France
Karnataka	7,000+	US, Canada, UK, UAE, Germany
Madhya Pradesh	8,000+	Us, Canada, UK, Australia, UAE
Punjab	6,000+	US, Canada, UK, Germany, Australia

"At Amazon, we've witnessed significant growth in India's traditional export strengths, such as health and personal care, beauty, toys, home apparel, and furniture, among others. Since 2015, Amazon has enabled $20 billion in cumulative ecommerce exports from India.

Srinidhi Kalvapudi
Head, Amazon Global Selling India,

Top 10 exporting cities in India on Amazon Global Selling in 2024

1. Delhi
2. Mumbai
3. Thane
4. Karur
5. Jaipur
6. Gautam Buddha Nagar
7. Bengaluru
8. Ahmedabad
9. Gurugram
10. Indore

Top int'l marketplaces for Indian sellers on Amazon Global Selling in 2024
United States of America, United Kingdom, Germany, Canada, The UAE, France, Italy, Spain, Saudi Arabia

Govt approves Rs 5,500 crore in projects to boost electronics components making

AJITH ATHRADY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Centre has approved seven projects worth Rs 5,532 crore, out of 249 proposals received under the Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme.

Announcing this, Union Electronics and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Monday that a total seven plants under electronics components have been approved. In the coming days, many more projects will be approved.

These projects will lead to production of components worth Rs 36,559 crore and creation of over 5,100 direct jobs. The approved units spread across Tamil Nadu (five plants), Andhra Pradesh (one) and Madhya Pradesh (one plant). Besides, the government expects these projects to reduce the import bill by around Rs 20,000 crore, the Minister said.

The minister said that proposals for the manufacturing of multi-layer printed circuit boards or motherboard base, camera modules, copper laminates, and polypropylene films (used in capacitors for consumer electronics) have been approved.

Approvals have been granted for four projects from the Kaynes Group, and one project each from Syrma Group, Ascent Circuits of Amber Group, and SRF Limited.

Kaynes' four projects at an investment of Rs 3,280 crore comprise the production of multi-layer PCBs (Printed Circuit Boards) worth Rs 4,300 crore, camera module sub-assembly worth Rs 12,630 crore and HDI (High-Density Interconnect) PCBs worth Rs 6,875 crore.

The Ascent Circuits project, entailing Rs 991 crore investment, is likely to produce multi-layer PCB worth Rs 7,847 crore, Syrma Strategic Electronics' Rs 765 crore investment would make multi-layer PCB worth Rs 6,933 crore, and SRF Limited investment proposal of Rs 496 crore is estimated to produce polypropylene film worth Rs 1,311 crore.

This is the first time camera modules will be made in India without the support of a foreign technology partner. These modules can be used in smartphones, tablets, laptops, CCTV, etc.

Vaishnaw said the PCB projects approved in the initial phase will meet 27 per cent of the total domestic demand and 15 percent of the camera modules requirement.

He said that first copper laminates and polypropylene films used in capacitors will be made in India, and they will meet 100 per cent of the domestic demand.

The Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS) has received investment proposals worth Rs 1.15 lakh crore. The first phase of the scheme closed on September 30, while the window for capital equipment continues to remain open.

Madras HC's ruling on crypto: 'A step towards investor protection'

UMA KANNAN
BENGALURU, DHNS

Crypto exchanges on Monday opined that the Madras High Court ruling that cryptocurrency qualifies as 'property' under Indian law is a major step towards investor protection and that this is a win for investor safety.

While hearing a plea filed by an investor whose coins were frozen after the WazirX cyberattack, the Madras High Court stated that crypto investments do not fall under the category of 'speculative transactions'.

A cyberattack on WazirX in July last year led to the theft of about Rs 2,000 crore worth of funds.

Vikram Subburaj, CEO, Giottus Crypto Exchange, said this recognition of crypto as 'property' does not merely settle a legal question. It anchors the massive virtual digital assets (VDA) economy to India's constitutional fabric of rights and remedies. "The court has extended property and trust principles to VDAs. Thereby, it confers on VDAs the same sanctity that underpins physical ownership. At a deeper level, the order effectively transforms blockchain from being a frontier of code into a framework of enforceable rights. This is, in effect, a codification of confidence. It is a moment when jurisprudence catches up with innovation."

He added that alongside the Bombay High Court's recent stance on custodial duty (of crypto exchanges), this judgment defines the country's emerging doctrine of digital-asset accountability.

Exchanges also pointed out that for investors, it signals protection and that it provides an important step towards greater clarity in how digital assets are viewed under Indian law. "It suggests a maturing perspective on this evolving asset class and indicates that cryptocurrencies are beginning to be seen as having legitimate economic relevance within existing legal and financial frameworks. While it does not change the current regulatory landscape, the ruling could help create a more informed environment for investors and market participants. It also reflects an intent to gradually bring structure and transparency to the digital asset space in a manner that balances innovation with investor protection," said Avinash Shekhar, Co-Founder & CEO, Pi42.

Edul Patel, CEO of Mudrex, said this ruling gives Indian courts jurisdiction even when exchanges operate abroad, ensuring accountability.

Amazon eyes $80 billion exports from India by 2030

It just crossed the milestone $20 bn this year

BENGALURU, DHNS

Ecommerce giant Amazon, which has surpassed $20 billion in cumulative ecommerce exports from India between 2015 and 2025, has now set $80 billion target by 2030. In 2020, Amazon targeted $10 billion in cumulative ecommerce exports from India by 2025, which was later revised to $20 billion within the same timeline. Amazon's flagship ecommerce exports programme, Amazon Global Selling, was launched in 2015. In the last 10 years, the programme has registered over 2 lakh exporters, cumulatively selling more than 75 crore 'Made in India' products to customers across the world. The total seller base on the program has grown over 33% in the past year, Amazon said on Monday.

Amazon Global Selling has registered sellers from 28 states, 7 union territories, and over 200 cities across India. It enables exporters to build global brands by selling to hundreds of millions of customers on more than 18 Amazon global marketplaces in countries such as the US, the UK, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Canada, Mexico, Germany, Italy, France, Spain, etc.

Between 2015 and 2024, top product categories on Amazon Global Selling include health and personal care (45%), beauty (45%), toys (44%), and apparel (37%).

Srinidhi Kalvapudi, Head, Amazon Global Selling India, said, "At Amazon, we've witnessed significant growth in India's traditional export strengths, such as health and personal care, beauty, toys, home apparel, and furniture, among others. Since 2015, Amazon has enabled $20 billion in cumulative ecommerce exports from India, including through the Amazon Global Selling program, achieving this milestone ahead of the 2025 target. As we work towards our $80 billion in cumulative ecommerce exports goal by 2030, we're focused on simplifying global selling through technology innovation, capacity building, and ecosystem partnerships. We remain committed to enabling India's ecommerce export growth in line with the Government of India's goal of reaching $200-300 billion by 2030."

Govt plans to hike foreign investment cap in state-run banks to 49%: Sources

NEW DELHI, REUTERS: The government is planning to allow direct foreign investment in state-run banks of up to 49%, more than double current limits, according to a person directly involved in the policy discussions.

The finance ministry has been discussing the matter with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the country's banking sector regulator, over the past couple of months, said the person, adding that the proposal has yet to be finalised.

Foreign interest in India's banking industry is on the rise as evidenced by Dubai-based Emirates NBD's recent $3 billion purchase of a 60% stake in RBL Bank and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp's $1.6 billion acquisition of a 20% stake in Yes Bank which the Japanese lender later raised by another 4.99%.

State-run banks are also seeing interest from overseas investors and raising the foreign ownership limit will help them gain more capital in the coming years, the person said.

The Nifty PSU Bank index rose as much as 3.02% to a record high of 8053.4 after the Reuters report, and closed the session 2.22% higher.

Narrowing the gap

A second source confirmed a hike from the current cap of 20% is under discussion, adding that the move is also part of an attempt to narrow the gap between regulations for government-owned and private banks. India allows foreign ownership of up to 74% for private lenders.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at an RBI board meeting in February.

The proposal to increase the cap for state-run banks to 49% has not been previously reported.

Both sources declined to be identified as discussions are not public. India's finance ministry and the RBI did not immediately respond to Reuters' emails seeking comments.

India's robust economic growth - averaging 8% over the past three fiscal years - has led to rising demand for credit, increasing the attractiveness of the country's lenders. Deals in India's financial sector jumped 127% to $8 billion between January and September.

12 PSBs

There are 12 government-owned banks, with combined assets of Rs 171 lakh crore as of March, that account for 55% of the banking sector.

The government plans to retain a minimum shareholding of 51% in state-run banks, according to the first source. At present, the government has much higher ownership in all 12 banks.

Current foreign ownership in state-run banks ranges from a high of about 12% in Canara Bank to near zero in UCO Bank as of September 30, according to data from stock exchanges.

In general, state-run banks are viewed as weaker than their private peers.

Keeping safeguards

The RBI has taken a number of steps in the past few months to reduce and ease regulations in the banking sector, while becoming more open to allowing foreign banks to own larger stakes in Indian private lenders.

But certain safeguards will stay to avoid arbitrary control and decision-making, the first source said, adding that a cap on voting rights of 10% for a single shareholder will remain in place.

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No.: Comm/BECC/PS/50/2025-26 Date: 24.10.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

FORM-III (See Sub-rule (3) of rule-3)

In exercise of powers conferred under section **14-B of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act, 1961** the following 'Area' mentioned in the schedule below is required by the Commissioner, Bengaluru East City Corporation for **Formation of 30.0m road from Gunjur Palya Road to Sarjapura Road via Chikkabellandur as per RMP-2015.** [Form-1 Notification No: BBMP/Comm/PSR(G)/4999/20-21, Dated: 28.12.2020].

The following land / building owners have opted for Development Rights in lieu of monetary compensation under the Right to Fair Compensation and transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. The Development Rights will be given by the Authority as twice the land area surrendered and two times the building area surrendered and as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered (valuated as per PWD norms) divided by the market value of the land on which the building is constructed.

The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Right Certificate (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the Commissioner, Bengaluru East City Corporation within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

List of land / building area surrendered and land owners for which DRC is to be issued.

Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban** Name of the Taluk: **Bengaluru East** Name of the Village: **Chikkabellanduru**

Sl. No.	Sy. No. / Khata No.	Type of land: Vacant	Type of land: Built up	Nature of Land: Agriculture Converted undeveloped Approved layout / developed land Building site	Dimension of the land / plot and extent in Sq.m: Dimension Extent	Boundaries of the land / plot: East	West	North	South	Building Details: Extent in Sq.m	Type of Construction and No. of floors	Floor Area Ratio	Present activity on land / Building (Specify Specific activity such as shop, office, factory, apartment, individual house etc.,)	Market (guide lines) value of the land per Sq.m	Name and address of the owner of the plot / land for which DRC is to be issued
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Note: Market guideline value of this property is considered subject to conditions of payment of fee as per Government Order No.: ನಅಇ 137 ಎಂಎನ್‌ಯು 2024 (ಇ), ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.09.2024 and as per the Circular No.: ಆಯುಕ್ತರು/ಪಿ.ಎಸ್.ಆರ್/ಜಿ/1802/2024–25, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.09.2024.

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Sd/-,
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Remedies to the high-marks, low-skills crisis in higher education

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Each year, lakhs of young Indians graduate from colleges and universities with impressive marks, yet a troubling number struggle to find meaningful employment. Employers across sectors lament that even top scorers lack problem-solving ability, creativity, communication, and professional competence. This paradox of high marks but low skills has become the defining crisis of Indian higher education.

The system still rewards rote learning and memorisation over understanding and application. Examination patterns test the ability to recall information rather than to think critically or use knowledge in new contexts.

As a result, students learn to play safe—to reproduce what is taught rather than question, connect, or create. Classrooms remain teacher-centric, where notes and PowerPoint slides substitute for exploration and discussion.

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 recognises this deep malaise and calls for a shift towards outcome-based and multidisciplinary learning. Yet, the transformation it envisions cannot occur through policy documents alone. True change must happen within classrooms—in teachers' attitudes, the structure of assessments, and the freedom students are given to experiment and fail.

Models of change

There are, however, models that prove change is possible. The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, involves undergraduate students in research projects from the very first year, encouraging them to question, experiment, and publish.

The Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) integrates fieldwork into every programme, ensuring that theory meets reality and that students learn empathy along with expertise. Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham's "Live-in-Labs" initiative sends students to rural communities to design and implement sustainable solutions, linking classroom learning directly to social transformation.

Beyond India, universities like Aalborg in Denmark have pioneered Problem-Based Learning, where students learn by solving real-world problems in teams. The University of Waterloo in Canada has built a strong co-operative education model that alternates academic study with paid industry placements.

Both approaches bridge the classroom and the workplace, producing graduates who can think, adapt, and contribute immediately. These examples show that marks alone are not the measure of success—learning outcomes, innovation, teamwork, and social impact are.

In my Data Structures class, I have introduced open-book exercises, quizzes, and projects. I have seen a marked improvement among my students, especially undergraduates, who have been able to learn, not merely memorise code for exams.

Redesign education

If Indian universities hope to produce globally competent graduates, they must redesign their systems around learning-by-doing. Internships, field projects, research components, and interdisciplinary courses should become integral, not optional. Assessment must shift from memory-based exams to performance-based evaluations—presentations, portfolios, case studies, and group projects that demonstrate skill and understanding.

Equally crucial is the teacher's role. Faculty members need continuous professional development to move from mere "deliverers of content" to "facilitators of learning." Universities should invest in training teachers in pedagogy, mentoring, and technology-enabled instruction. Learning management systems, simulation labs, and project-based assignments can make classrooms dynamic spaces where curiosity thrives.

Industry-academia collaboration is another missing link. Employers should not remain passive consumers of graduates but active partners in shaping curricula. Joint projects, guest lectures, internships, and co-designed courses can align education with evolving workplace realities. This would also help students discover the relevance of what they learn and see knowledge as something alive and usable.

True reform also demands a change in how society perceives education. Parents and students often equate success with marks and degrees rather than competence and character. Unless we move from the question "How many marks did you get?" to "What did you learn and how can you use it?", the crisis will persist. Education must return to its true purpose—to form thinking, caring, and capable human beings.

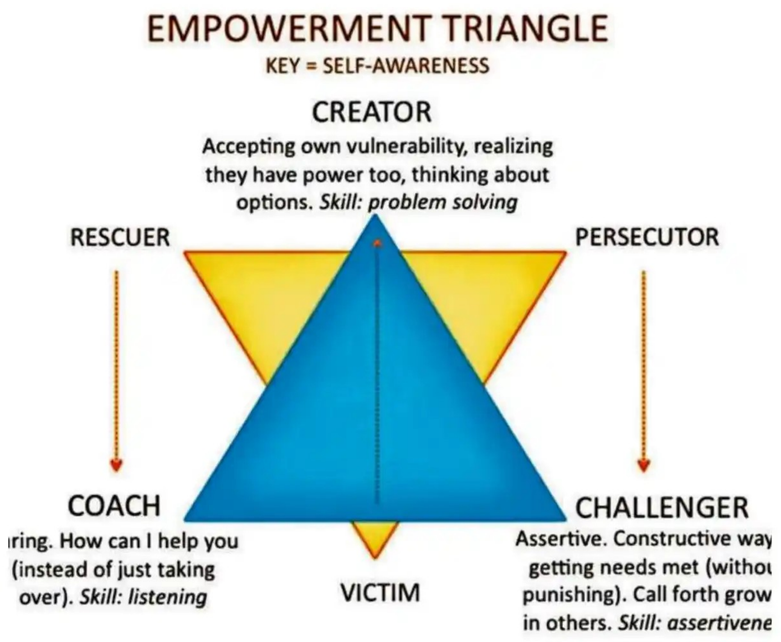
The future of India's youth cannot depend on inflated grades or ornamental degrees. It must rest on genuine learning—on the ability to question, collaborate, and create. The examples of IISc, TISS, and Amrita show that transformation is not a distant dream but a matter of will and vision. If universities reimagine education as a process of doing, discovering, and contributing, they can bridge the dangerous gap between marks and mastery.

Only then will India move from producing graduates to nurturing learners — and from chasing high marks to achieving high competence.

(The author is the director of the IT section of a Bengaluru-based deemed-to-be University)

Dismantle the drama triangle

Exploring various theories and practising self-reflection can help you overcome toxic behaviour at work, writes Mukund Setlur


EMPOWERMENT TRIANGLE
KEY = SELF-AWARENESS
CREATOR
Accepting own vulnerability, realizing they have power too, thinking about options. Skill: problem solving
RESCUER
PERSECUTOR
COACH
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VICTIM
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Have you heard of the drama triangle? Imagine a workplace where a manager constantly blames an employee for poor results, another coworker steps in to defend the employee, and soon everyone feels frustrated and misunderstood.

This is a classic example of the drama triangle—a pattern of interaction in which people assume the roles of a victim, persecutor, and rescuer. Developed by psychologist Stephen Karpman, the drama triangle helps explain why certain conflicts repeat and how people unconsciously get trapped in unhelpful dynamics.

Psychological concepts often provide insight into the subconscious mind and can be helpful in our interactions with others. The idea here is to understand the concepts of the drama triangle and the empowerment triangle (also called the empowerment dynamic—TED) and how we can use them to move the needle in our careers.

There are psychological payoffs for every behaviour in a drama triangle. The person denied promotion might have deflected responsibility at work or lacked the skills. But blaming office politics would deflect responsibility. The person who is always in the rescuer mode, neglecting his own work, may be seeking validation from others.

The drama triangle theory also states that the same person will switch between different roles depending on the situation. The limitation of the drama triangle is that it limits our self-expression and freedom. This is why it is called the dreaded drama triangle.

Empowerment triangle: The remedy?

Imagine a manager who is always critical of your work, motivating you to do better and working with you to solve the problem, without blaming you. Or a senior software developer learning artificial intelligence (AI) tools and consumer behaviour to create better software, rather than worrying about how AI will make him jobless. Or a colleague willing to coach people on how to approach a task instead of creating dependency on her.

It is not nirvana or magic but the empowerment triangle. Conceived by David Emerald, it is formally called The Empowerment Dynamic (TED). It promises harmony and self-fulfilment if you change your state of mind. These triangles hinge on creating, coaching, and consulting.

The empowerment triangle asks you to move from being a victim to someone who can create circumstances that help you and coach people, rather than take up the burden of a full rescue. Invites you to have a consultant who can solve problems, rather than someone critical who provides no direction.

The changing mental models

The way you think and the way you interact with the world are mental models. They help you better understand the world. For example, if you are not sharing a smart way of working, your mental model indicates a scarcity mindset.

The drama triangle sees problems and reacts with anxiety. A person in the drama triangle is easily distracted. She hopes for an agreement and waits for her turn to speak, and orients the entire conversation to see how it affects her work.

David Emerald argues that the human operating system operates on three pillars. They are Focus (F), Internal States (IS), and Behaviour (BE). Shifting our mental model, he states, can improve our lives and our careers. Often, how you focus on a particular challenge depends on your internal state and your behaviour in that situation.

Thus, the empowerment triangle describes a creator mindset in which the focus is on outcomes, your internal state is one of passion, and you take baby steps to reach the goal.

For example, if you want your organisation to make new investments, an outcome-driven approach will enable you to showcase increased business or profitability to senior management. You will strive with passion to build consensus in the organisation and take small but continuous steps to keep the momentum.

The empowerment triangle also encourages you to listen deeply, focus on the other person, leverage your intuition, and consider the broader context. But it is not just about engaging with others in the organisation. It provides an opportunity for self-growth in situations where you are answerable to only yourself.

It also provides a window to shift your attitude. You could be resisting a job change because you are comfortable and worried about being unable to succeed in the new organisation. How would you avoid seeking help from your colleagues often, claiming to be busy or occupied, to avoid learning new things? How would you coach yourself out of the self-persecution? What baby steps would you take to reduce your fears? All these become easier when you understand the empowerment triangle.

Do theories really work?

People are sceptical about the practicality of frameworks like the empowerment triangle, especially given that there are no immediate, observable changes after understanding these concepts.

However, many of our limiting subconscious behaviours of victimhood, such as blaming others or defensiveness, have been conditioned from childhood. They are hard to dislodge by a single article or a workshop.

Exposure to these concepts provides us with insights into how to be proactive in creating opportunities and engaging with people at work and outside with a sense of freedom and self-expression.

Breaking the sycophancy chains in workspaces

P JOHN J KENNEDY

Boss worship remains an ingrained fixture in the culture of many Indian offices, educational institutions, and startups. Walk into any workplace and the evidence is visible: employees rushing to stand when the boss enters, nervous laughter at unfully jokes, and the scramble to agree with every decision, however questionable.

This tendency to display excessive reverence quickly creates a workplace environment where loyalty to power overshadows professional merit and genuine innovation. At first glance, though such rituals might seem harmless, they erode trust among colleagues over time, discourage honest debate, and restrict the upward mobility of talented contributors whose voices are suppressed.

Why boss worship is harmful

The consequences of boss worship cut both ways: organisations lose their brightest talent, and individuals suffer personal setbacks. For young professionals, repeated exposure to this culture suggests that value depends more on pleasing superiors than on displaying competence, leading to self-censorship and stagnation in career growth.

Surveys reveal Indian workplace engagement has plummeted to just 19% in 2025, among the lowest in the world, demonstrating the toll that an environment of flattery and suppressed dissent can take on motivation and productivity. Organisations that reward sycophancy over performance inevitably lose engaged employees, who either disengage or seek healthier, merit-driven environments.

The mental impact of boss worship is also insidious. Continually managing workplace impressions, avoiding conflict, and maintaining facades for demanding bosses can lead to anxiety or burnout. In such settings, innovation is stifled; employees learn to play safe, avoid risks, and suppress constructive criticism, reducing the organisation's chances of adapting to new challenges in a rapidly shifting industry.

Practical actions for employees

Despite these barriers, practical actions can empower employees to push back against workplace sycophancy. The journey begins with establishing clear boundaries and a fundamental understanding that respectful dissent is not disrespect. Learning to communicate disagreements assertively without descending into confrontation signals integrity and confidence, both of which earn long-term respect. Consistently focusing on delivering high-quality results allows the record of accomplishment to speak for itself, even if recognition isn't always immediate.

For employees, developing assertive communication skills is especially crucial. They can present fact-based alternatives and keep discussions focused on shared organisational goals, rather than simply agreeing out of habit. Seeking out feedback platforms, such as surveys, open meetings, or internal forums, creates safer avenues for honest input and mitigates the risks of punitive backlash. Additionally, building supportive networks among trustworthy colleagues can provide emotional support and a venue for candid discussions, which, in turn, reinforce resilience and make resistance more sustainable over time.

More importantly, regular self-assessment is essential: if an environment continuously undervalues innovation and bases advancement on proximity to power, it may be wise to consider other workplaces that prioritise flexibility, merit, and collaboration. Recent research shows that, for Indian employees, flexibility and rapport with managers are now key factors driving job satisfaction and retention, often ranking above salary or title.

What should leaders do?

Leaders hold a critical responsibility to break the damaging cycle of sycophancy and build the necessary capacities to foster healthier workplace cultures. They must actively discourage empty rituals of reverence that reinforce hierarchy without merit. Shifting promotion criteria to prioritise genuine achievements and innovative thinking sends a powerful signal across teams that excellence and creativity—not flattery—drive success.

Small but impactful symbolic acts, such as banning unnecessary practices like standing up when a boss enters and openly inviting respectful dissent, could create a culture where employees feel safe and motivated to voice their opinions without fear. Transparent evaluation processes combined with an unwavering commitment to open communication establish the trust essential for bold ideas to surface and flourish, regardless of who proposes them.

Across India, encouraging signs of this cultural shift are already visible. In dynamic startups and some forward-looking educational institutions, candid feedback is welcomed, and open forums facilitate honest dialogue. They demonstrate that cultural transformation, although challenging, is indeed possible.

Organisations that embrace meritocracy and meaningful contribution over superficial compliance are gaining a distinct competitive advantage in today's rapidly evolving business landscape. Such leaders understand that creating psychological safety and embedding inclusive, transparent practices are no longer optional but fundamental to attracting, retaining, and unleashing the full potential of talent.

Dismantling boss worship is a gradual but essential process. Each deliberate act, no matter how small, that prioritises merit and honest communication over ingratiation makes a tangible difference.

In today's fast-changing world, placing value on respectful dissent and collaborative innovation is not only morally right but also critical for remaining relevant and competitive. For India's organisations and professionals, the choice to trade deference for actual contribution will lay the groundwork for careers and workplaces marked by dignity, growth, and lasting success.

(The author is an independent writer and a retired academic)

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PM YASASVI scheme

The PM YASASVI Central Sector Scheme of Top Class Education in College for OBC, EBC and DNT Students is a scholarship run by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (Government of India) for Indian students from Other Backward Classes (OBC), Economically Backward Classes (EBC) or De-Notified Tribes (DNT) whose family income is up to Rs 2.50 lakh per year, who've secured admission in full-time courses at notified institutions. Selected students receive full tuition fee reimbursement, a monthly living allowance, books, stationery and one-time computer/laptop assistance. Aplly before October 31. Details: https://t.ly/Rtrpi

Video making internship

Eastcommerce Marketplace LLC is hiring a video editing/making intern who can work from home. Students with knowledge of Adobe After Effects, Adobe Premiere Pro, Final Cut Pro, video editing and video making can apply by November 20. The stipend is Rs 15,000-25,000/month. Apply at: https://shorturl.at/5JF0f.

E-Commerce marketing internship

Lucira Jewellery is hiring an e-commerce marketing intern who can work from home. Students with knowledge of Search Engine Optimisation (SEO) can apply by November 12. The stipend is Rs 10,000-15,000/month. Apply at: https://shorturl.at/Q8iHB.

Inside sales internship

Airtribe is hiring interns for inside sales roles in Bengaluru. Students with knowledge of Business Development, effective communication, interpersonal skills, networking, operations, sales, and sales strategy can apply by November 20. The stipend is Rs 15,000–20,000/month. Apply at: https://shorturl.at/weJbY.

Business development internship

Enlightened Thought Works is hiring business development (sales) interns in Bengaluru (Hybrid). Students with knowledge of AI Video Generation, Canva, proficiency in written English and spoken Hindi, Social Media Marketing and video editing can apply by November 5. The stipend is Rs 15,000/month. Apply at: https://shorturl.at/6E1wZ.

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Norris reclaims lead with Mexico GP win

MEXICO CITY, AFP: Lando Norris regained the lead in the drivers' world championship for the first time in six months on Sunday when he steered his McLaren to a commanding victory in a breathless Mexico Grand Prix.

Driving with great authority, the 25-year-old Briton came home 30.324 seconds ahead of Ferrari's Charles Leclerc, with four-time champion Max Verstappen third for Red Bull.

For Norris, it was a first win in Mexico, his sixth this season and the 10th of his career -- achieved with a near-perfect race from pole position to lift him back to the top of the drivers' title race by one point for the first time since the Saudi Arabian race in April.

With four races remaining, Norris has 357 points, ahead of Piastri on 356 and Verstappen, who is third on 321.

"A beautiful win to celebrate here in this stadium in Mexico," said Norris. "It's one weekend at a time for me. I am happy and I am focused on myself. I am just keeping my head down and I keep to myself... I just stay relaxed and it helps. It helped me get a good start and it's the best thing."

Haas teenage rookie Oliver Bearman was a career best fourth ahead of Norris' McLaren team-mate and previously runaway series leader Oscar Piastri, and Mercedes' young rookie Kimi Antonelli. The Italian's teammate George Russell was seventh ahead of seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton in the second Ferrari.

McLaren's Lando Norris celebrates after winning the Mexico Grand Prix on Sunday. AFP

Deeksha fifer decimates Tripura

BENGALURU, DHNS: Deeksha J's five-wicket haul exposed Tripura's batting fallacies as the Karnataka women's U-19 team posted their second consecutive group win of the Women's U-19 T20 Trophy Elite in Nagpur on Monday.

Deeksha's 5/13 saw Tripura being restricted to 60 all out in their Group E match at the VCA Stadium.

Rachita Hatwar (39 not out off 21 balls) and Liyanka Shetty (20 n.o. off 18) then ensured Karnataka chased down the paltry total in just 6.3 overs without losing a wicket. The result took Karnataka to the top of the group.

Krittika Yadav-led side earlier defeated Mumbai by 62 runs to begin their group campaign. They take on Bengal next on Wednesday in the six-team Group E.

Brief scores: Tripura: 60 all out in 18.3 overs (Deeksha J 5-13) lt to Karnataka: 61/0 in 6.3 overs (Rachitha Hatwar 34 n.o.)

Ashwa Kanchenjunga for feature

DELHI SELECTIONS

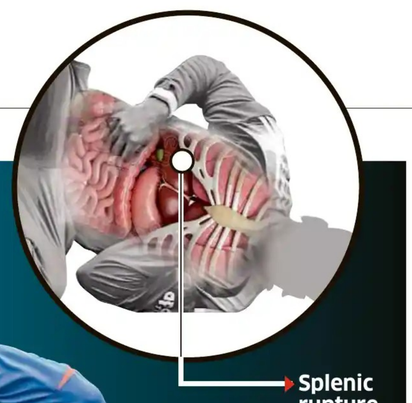
S Nawab-trained Ashwa Kanchenjunga, to be ridden by Narendra Kumar, is fancied to win the upper division of the Air Head Quarters Plate, the feature event of the Delhi races to be run over a sprint on Tuesday.

First race starts at 2.00 pm.

1. Jaguar Plate (Div-I) - 1100M: Nairobi 1, Personal 1, Little More 3.
2. Jaguar Plate (Div-II) - 1100M: Divine Dancer 1, Ashwa Harbir 2, Bay Of Biscay 3.
3. Indian Air Force Plate - 1100M: Danny's Girl 1, Beejay 2, Bellagio 3.
4. Air Head Quarters Plate (Div-I) - 1200M: Ashwa Kanchenjunga 1, Ronaldo 2, Adbhut 3.
5. Air Head Quarters Plate (Div-II) - 1200M: The Panther 1, Robust 2, Bison 3.
6. Battle Of Honour Plate - 1200M: Real Boss 1, The Mentalist 2, Master Bomber 3.
7. Sukhoi Plate - 1000M: Euphoria 1, Ashwa Nirjara 2, Sir Mor 3.
Day's best: The Panther. **Jackpot**: 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7. **Treble**: 5, 6 & 7.

India's ODI vice-captain Shreyas Iyer was hospitalised in Sydney following an on-field incident.

The incident happened during the 34th over of Australia's innings as Iyer, fielding at point, sprinted back to take a diving catch to dismiss Alex Carey. Despite the brilliant effort, he appeared to be in considerable pain in what looked like an awkward landing and was promptly taken off the field.



Iyer in ICU after internal bleeding

Location: **Sydney Cricket Ground,** Sydney

ICU TIMELINE

The impact led to internal damage, and he reportedly collapsed in the dressing room as his vital parameters dropped sharply. Medical staff transferred him to a nearby hospital, where doctors suspected a possible splenic rupture causing the internal bleeding.

Iyer is expected to remain in intensive care for at least the next two days, with his condition being closely monitored. Should the bleeding persist, his hospital stay could be extended to a week or longer. For now, doctors have advised continued observation until his condition stabilises.

"He will remain under observation for anywhere between two to seven days, depending on recovery.

"Scans have revealed a laceration injury to the spleen. He is under treatment and medically stable. The BCCI Medical Team, in consultation with specialists in Sydney and India, is closely monitoring his injury. **BCCI**

Prasad urges for early KSCA polls

Charges that association has been without president, secretary

BENGALURU, DHNS

Former India pacer Venkatesh Prasad-led team, which is aspiring to contest the polls to elect the new set of office bearers to the Karnataka State Cricket Association, demanded that the incumbent administrators conduct the elections without any further delay.

"We have all been waiting for the announcement (of the election) to happen. It was supposed to happen long back and by this time a new committee should have taken over the running of the association," said Prasad told the media on Monday.

"So, obviously, you know, it (election) was supposed to be held before 30th of September according to rule and the KSCA by-law. So, I think it's high time the people who are running the show now at KSCA should call for an election," he added.

Venkatesh Prasad

The tenure of the current regime headed by BCCI treasurer Raghuram Bhatt ended on September 30, but a definite date for election is yet to be announced, though the speculation was that the polls would be conducted either in October or November.

Prasad, along with former KSCA treasurer Vinay Mruthyunjaya and former Indian women's cricket team captain Shanta Rangaswamy, said the election should be initiated at the earliest to ensure "smooth functioning of the association."

The KSCA has been without an elected secretary and treasurer following the resignation of A Shankar and ES Jairam taking the moral responsibility for the stampede near Chinnaswamy Stadium during Royal Challengers Bengaluru's maiden IPL victory celebration in early June.

President Raghuram Bhat has to vacate his post after being elected the treasurer of the BCCI last month.

In the tragic turn of events, 11 fans were killed and several others left injured.

Vinay claimed the letter written by the KSCA CEO Shubhendu Ghosh to the Deputy Registrar of Societies, requesting an exemption from 45-day clause to fill the vacant slots and instead grant time till September 30 to hold elections for the posts of all office bearers.

Vinay also charged that the current set of administrators was "wrongly-interpreting" the nine-year-clause in their attempt to reject the nominations of some of the contestants in their panel.

Shanta, meanwhile, claimed that she approached a lower court and got a temporary stay to prevent those candidates from being disqualified.

When sought their reply, Sanjay Poll (acting president) refused to comment while calls to MS Vinay (acting secretary) went unanswered.

Shashi's 6-for brings Karnataka back in the game

BENGALURU, DHNS: Off-spinner Shashi Kamble took a six-wicket haul against Uttar Pradesh, bringing the Karnataka U-23 side back in the match after a batting collapse on Day 2 of their second Elite Group D match of the Col CK Nayudu Trophy in Meerut.

Shashi Kamble

Shashi's 6/56 earned Karnataka a 20-run lead in the first innings as Uttar Pradesh were 215 all out after Karnataka's 235 all out from the opening day at the Victoria Park Stadium. Karnataka stretched their lead to 70 runs by stumps as skipper Aneeshwar Gautam (32 not out) took the score to 50/2 after openers fell cheaply.

Earlier, UP's top-order had good starts but none could produce a big knock as the side reached 160/3 with skipper Sameer Rizvi (36) and Rituraj Sharma (48) adding 76 runs for the fourth wicket. O

Brief scores: Uttar Pradesh: (O/n: 53/0): 215 all out in 83.1 overs (Mohammed Aashiyan 27, Swastik Chikara 27, Hardik Raj 3-79, Shashi Kamble 6-56) vs Karnataka: 235 all out & 50/2 in 19 overs (Aneeshwar Gautam 32 n.o.; Shubham Mishra 2-28).

Chowdhari wins show jumping gold

BENGALURU, DHNS: Shubh Chowdhari, astride Foggy Bottom (Club-FSS), won the highest 120cm show jumping event in the Equestrian Premier League held here on Monday.

Results (SJ 7 – 125–130 CM): Hansikaa (Couleur, Equitan) 1; Surya Aditya (Calimero, ECE) 2; Saravanan (Hellico, CS) 3.
SJ 6 – 120 CM: Shubh Chowdhari (Foggy Bottom, FSS) 1; Surya Aditya (Toulon, ECE) 2; Neil Kendall (Hach, Surge Stables) 3.
SJ 5 – 110–115 CM: Shourya Manoj (Ireland, MGDPRA) 1; Senthilnathan (Mabel, CS) 2; Sriram (Major, CS) 3.
SJ 4 – 105–110 CM (Junior & Open): Shourya Manoj (Ireland, MGDPRA) 1; Manoj (Levito, ED) 2; Arnav Navratna (Roxette, Zippy) 3.
SJ 3 – 90–100 CM (Sub Junior & Open): Eshaan Sundaram (Azlan, EIRS) 1; Nikshita (Elliot, EIRS) 2; Samrat Shreeharsha (Vollbeat, URB) 3.
SJ 2 – 80–90 CM (Sub Junior): Eshaan Sundaram (Klaver, EIRS) 1; Hashini (Levito, ED) 2; Siddharth Dutta (Lord Darlington, MGDPRA) 3.
SJ 2 – 80–90 CM (Open): Clear - Ram Reddy Botta (Teazy, FSS); Clear - Vivek Sahu (Best Of Blaze, ED); Clear - Nikolay (Cocobar, EIRS); Clear - Prithiv (Mallorca, CS); Clear - Vivek Verma (Girl with Pearl, KFHRS); Clear - Krisha (Jack Daniels, ED).
SJ 1 – 60–70 CM (Children Below 14): Arjun (Freya, ED) 1; Rohan (Best Of Blaze, ED) 2; Aariana (Vennila, ED) 3.
D1 – EPL Preliminary Dressage (Sub-junior): G Shushrutha K (Xi, EIRS) 1; Hashini (Levito, ED) 2; Eshaan (Azlan, EIRS) 3.
D2 – EPL Sub-Junior Dressage (Sub-junior): Eshaan Sundaram (Abra Ka Dabra, EIRS) 1; Kiara Rupesh (Rio, EIRS) 2; Hemkilaru (Senorita, Surge Stables) 3.
D3 – EPL Junior Dressage (Sub-junior): 1. Shubh Chowdari (Lady Ann, CEC) 2. Manya S Narayan (Abra, EIRS) 3. Bhargav Babu (Vadim, EIRS) 4. C Ranavir Reddy (Franz, Equitan) 5. Arnav Navaratna (Best Of Blaze, Zippy) 6. Shubh Chowdari (Star Proof, CEC)
D4 – EPL Senior Dressage (Open): Isabelel Hasleder (Dark Delight, CEC) 1; Neil Kendall (Chase, Surge Stables) 2.

Shubh Chowdhari (Foggy Bottom) won the 120 cm show jump gold in the EPL.

Bhoi smashes world record at Asian Youth

MANAMA (BAHRAIN), PTI: Weightlifter Priteesmita Bhoi broke the world youth record in clean & jerk on way to clinching gold in the girls' 44kg category at the Youth Asian Games, here on Sunday.

The 16-year-old athlete lifted 92kg in clean & jerk to set the world youth record, and 66kg in snatch to aggregate 158kg to take the top podium spot in the competition.

On a day when India also struck silver in the boys' 60kg category, the teenage Priteesmita first lifted 87kg in her first attempt in the clean & jerk lift. She improved it by three kilograms in her second lift and finally successfully heaved 92kgs for the record. In snatch, following her successful lift of 66kg, she failed in her next two attempts of 68kg and 69kg.

India's 17-year-old lifter Maharajan Arumugapandian also covered himself in glory, clinching the boys' 60kg silver with an accumulated weight of 256kg. He lifted 114kg in snatch and 142 in clean & jerk. China's Chen Xunfa bagged the gold with an aggregate of 261kg (120kg in snatch, 141 in clean & jerk).

With this performance, India took its medal tally to 23, including three gold, nine silver and 11 bronze. On Saturday, India had won 17 medals, including two gold, six silver and nine bronze.

Priteesmita Bhoi

Silver in medley relay

India struck silver in the girls' medley relay with the quartet of Edwina Jason, Tannu, Avinash Shourya and Bhumika Nehate clocking 2:09.65 seconds, with the gold going to UAE (2:07.79 seconds). China took the bronze in 2:10.14 seconds. However, the boys' medley relay team finished fifth, clocking 1:59.96 seconds.

Indian shuttlers and table tennis players began their campaign on a promising note with many of them advancing to the pre-quarterfinals even as the 3x3 basketball team suffered a quarterfinal loss to Iran 15-10 on Monday.

Kodagu FC's Aditya Pratap Singh Rathore (left) and Rebels FC's Kristopher Malngiang vie for the ball during their Super Division League championship match at BFS in Bengaluru on Monday. DH PHOTO/ BK JANARDHAN

Tagru hat-trick fashions Kodagu's FC's big win over Rebels FC

BENGALURU, DHNS: Tagru scored a hat-trick as Kodagu FC ran over Rebels FC 6-0 in their latest match of the KSFA Super Division League Championship at the Bangalore Football Stadium here on Monday.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

BS Mrinal Muthanna (68th minute), Aditya Pratap Singh Rathore (23rd) and Kariappa CK (90+2') scored the rest of the goals as Kodagu (23 points from 12 games) moved to the third spot on the points table behind Kickstart FC (29 from 11) Bengaluru United (32 from 13), who lost to SC Bengaluru 1-0 in another match on the day.

The win for SCB kept the pressure on Kodagu as they went equal on points but dropped to fourth on goal difference. Rebels FC (18 from 13) dropped a spot to ninth with the big defeat.

Meanwhile, South United FC (18) improved to sixth position with their fourth win of the season as they defeated Roots FC 2-0 in the third match of the day. Farhan Fayaz (71') and Milind Negi (68') scored in the second half to seal the valuable three points.

Results: Kodagu FC: 6 (Tagru 20th, 42nd, 63rd, Aditya Pratap Singh Rathore 23rd, BS Mrinal 68th, Kariappa CK 90+2nd) bt Rebels FC: 0; SC Bengaluru: 1 (Ishan Mittal 58th) bt Bengaluru United: 0; South United FC: 2 (Farhan Fayaz 71st, Milind Negi 90+1st) bt Roots FC: 0.

Sindhu withdraws from rest of season

NEW DELHI, PTI: Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu has decided to withdraw from all remaining BWF Tour events in 2025 to focus on complete recovery from a foot injury that she sustained ahead of the European leg.

The 30-year-old shuttler from Hyderabad said the decision was taken after detailed consultation with her support team and medical experts, including renowned sports orthopaedist Dr Dinshaw Pardiwala.

"After consulting closely with my team and with the guidance of the incredible Dr Pardiwala, we felt it was best for me to withdraw from all remaining BWF Tour events in 2025," Sindhu said in a statement on Monday.

"The foot injury I sustained before the European leg has not fully recovered, and while it is never easy to accept, injuries are an inseparable part of every athlete's journey. They test your resilience and patience, but they also spark the fire to come back stronger."

Sindhu, the 2019 world champion, said her rehabilitation and training were already underway under the supervision of Dr Wayne Lombard, with support from Nisha Rawat, Chetna, and her coach Irwansyah Adi Pratama.

The Commonwealth Games champion has struggled with injuries and form for quite sometime now.

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

KPTCL invites sealed tenders in duplicate from Manufacturer/Experienced/Authorized service Agency for the following works:

1) Supply of 01 no. of Neutral current unbalance relay and 1no. of OV/UV relay for 11KV Capacitor Bank-1 at 110KV S/S Kittur. **Specification/Particulars: OV/UV relay, Make:** ASHIDA Numerical, Under/Over Voltage relay Type:ADR112A-AM-310-01-01-08-00-02-00 Aux: 18V-250VDC, CT:NA, PT:110V AC -1NO. **Qty :** 01 no. **Neutral current unbalance relay,** Make: ASHIDA Numerical, Single pole protection relay Type:ADR111A-AM-110-01-01-28-03-00-00, Aux: 18V-250VDC, CT:1/5A, PT:NA -1NO. **Qty :** 01 no.

2) (i) Supply of 01 no. of 11KV oil filled Current Transformer (CT) required for 11KV feeder at 110KV S/s Katakol. **Specification/Particulars:** 11 kV Current Transformer, **Make;** KPTCL approved Vendor, Type: Oil filled, 1 Ratio: 200-100/1-1A, Class: 5P20/0.2, A.BUR:15/15, ISF<=5, ALF: 20, NSV: 12 kV, BIL: 15/35/95 kV, STC: 20 kA for 1 Sec, Freq: 50 Hz suitable for PCVCB (Required at 110KV Katakol). **Qty :** 01 no.

(ii) Supply of 02 no's of 11KV oil filled Current Transformer (CT) required for 11KV feeder at 110KV S/s M.K. Hubli. **Specification/ Particulars:** 11 kV Current Transformer, Make; KPTCL approved Vendor, Type: Oil filled, Ratio: 200-100/1-1A, Burden: 15/15, Acc Class: 5P10/0.2s, NSV: 12 kV, BIL: 15/35/95 kV, STC: 20 kA for 1 Sec, Freq: 50 Hz suitable for MCVCB (Required at 110KV M.K.Hubli). **Qty :** 02 no's.

3) Supply of 05 no's of Circuit breaker limb with interrupter set suitable for 11KV ERL make PCVCB's at 110 S/S Katakol. **Specification/Particulars:** Circuit breaker limb with interrupter set, Make: Reputed/ERL, Rating 11KV, Suitable for 11KV PCVCB. **Qty :** 05 no's.

4) Supply of Different types of Hardware clamps required for emergency preventive maintenance works at 220KV R/S Belagavi. **Specification/Particulars:** 220KV PG clamps suitable for 220KV Drake ACSR conductor. **Qty :** 25 no's. Bimetallic clamps suitable for 30mm CT terminal connector and Drake ACSR conductor. **Qty :** 25 no's. Bimetallic clamps suitable for 40mm CT terminal connector and Drake ACSR conductor. **Qty :** 10 no's. T clamps suitable for Drake to Drake connection ACSR conductor. **Qty :** 25 no's.

(1) Last date for receipt of completed bid is at **1:30PM on 10.11.2025. (2)** Date and time of opening the bids on **10.11.2025 at 4:00 PM.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

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No:CAH/AD(LH)/ADSS/VIVA- 14/2025-26 DATE:27.10.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(KPP portal mode only)

The Commissioner of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore, hereby invites Bids through KPP Portal from eligible Bidders for Supply of PORCINE CYSTICERCOSIS VACCINE for the year 2025-26 for which the tendered Amount is **Rs.80.00 lakhs.**

Complete tender documents can be viewed by visiting website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from Dt: **27.10.2025** and tenderers can upload all the necessary documents through KPP portal from **27.10.2025 to 11.11.2025 till 17.30 hours.**

Further information can be obtained from KPP Portal and concerned officer in this office during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Veterinary Officer Live Stock Health (ADSS) & Member Secretary Tender Inviting Committee, Department Of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services,
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Karnataka Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board
Kalyana Suraksha Bhavana, ITI Compound, Dairy Circle, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560029
Phone: 080-29753354/56, Email: karbuildworkerswelfare@gmail.com

No: KBOCWWB/NOTIFICATIONS/2025-26 Dated: 27-10-2025

e-tender Notification

Tenders are hereby invited by Karnataka Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Board from interested Agencies as per Terms and conditions described in the Bid documents for below mentioned tenders.

1. Supply and Delivery of Various Trade Wise Safety Kits to the Registered Building and other Construction Workers in the Jurisdiction of 38 Labour Officers across the state of Karnataka **(38 tenders).**

2. Selection of an Agency to provide Consultancy services for Preparation of Structural designs including structural drawings and service drawings for the Construction of 31 Shramik Residential School Buildings in various districts of Karnataka **(Short-Term Tender).**

Tenders shall be submitted electronically through K.P.P.Portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** of the Government of Karnataka. Last date of submission of tenders is as per K.P.P. Portal. For further details and information can be obtained from the Joint Secretary, KBOCWWB during office hours.

Sd/-
Joint Secretary, KB&OCWWB
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IN BRIEF

Cathedral beat St Joseph's 1-0

▸ Sole goal from Dharshith early in the match helped Cathedral High School defeat St Joseph's Boys' High School 1-0 in the U-16 match of the Baldwin Shield Inter School Football Tournament in Bengaluru on Monday, reports DHNS.

Results: U-16: St Joseph's Boys' High School: 1 (Dharshith 11th) bt Cathedral High School: 0; **U-14:** Ebenezer International School: 2 (Samal Murali 2nd, Adam Chowory 10th) bt Baldwin Co Education Extension High School (OG 20th); Vidyashilp Academy: 5 (Nirav 1st, Yakshit 2nd, Ayaan 14th, Ryan K 16th, Fareeduddin 18th) bt Baldwin Co Education Extension High School:0; Baldwin Boys' High School: 1 (Neeshan 23rd) bt Bishop Cotton Boys' School: 0; **U-12:** Ryan International School: 0 drew with Cathedral High School: 0; Ebenezer International School: 0 lt to Bishop Cotton Boys' School: 1 (Hiyan Jain 9th)

Police thrash DYES 7-0

▸ Karnataka State Police thrashed Department of Youth Empowerment & Sports, Ballari 7-0 on day 13 of the Hockey Karnataka League Championship on Monday, reports DHNS.

Results: Karnataka State Police: 7 (Kashi Vishwanath 8th, Prajwal Bijwad 14th 16th, Ronak Thimmaiah 29th, Darshan Gayakwad 36th, Umesh Mutagar 39th, Manikanta Bijwad 59th) bt DYES, Bellari: 0; Canara Bank: 4 (Somaiah KP 17th, 43rd, Pruthvi Raj GN 24th, 35th) bt Army Boys Sports Company: 0

K'taka lose to Bengal

▸ Defending champions Karnataka began their campaign at the Sub-Junior Boys National Football Championship with a 0-3 defeat to West Bengal in Amritsar on Monday, reports DHNS.

All the goals came in the second half as Abhinava Biswas (62nd minute), Priyanshu Naskar (67th) and Shagnik Kundu (90+1st) brought home all three points. Karnataka face UP next on Wednesday.

Anahat storms into quarters

▸ Reigning national champion Anahat Singh upset world No. 20 Melissa Alves of France to enter the quarterfinals of the Canadian Open in Toronto, reports PTI from New Delhi.

Continuing her impressive run, the 17-year-old Delhi girl, ranked world No. 43, defeated sixth seed Alves 12-10, 12-10, 8-11, 11-2 in a 41-minute battle on Sunday. Anahat will next face second seed Tinne Gilis of Belgium for a place in the semifinals of the USD 96,250 PSA Silver event.

Moto3 rider 'still critical'

▸ Swiss Moto3 rider Noah Dettwiler, who suffered a serious crash at the Malaysian MotoGP over the weekend, is in a stable condition but remains critical, reports AFP from Paris.

"Noah has undergone several surgeries in the last few hours, which went well," read a statement by his family on X. "According to the doctors in charge, his condition is stable but still critical."

The Moto3 race at Sepang on Sunday was delayed and shortened after the collision involving newly-crowned world champion Jose Antonio Rueda and Dettwiler during the sighting lap.

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CRICKET

Ranji Trophy (league phase): Bengal vs Gujarat, Saurashtra vs Madhya Pradesh, Mumbai vs Chhattisgarh **(all 9:30 am, day 4). LIVE** on **Star Sports Network, JioHotstar.**

KABADDI

PKL (play-offs): Telugu Titans vs Patna Pirates **(8 pm). LIVE** on **Star Sports Network, JioHotstar.**

TENNIS

Paris Masters: Round 2 **(3:30 pm). LIVE** on **Sony Sports Network, Sony LIV**

Siddaramaiah's fresh diktat to BTC: Vacate current premises within two years

CM warns he may not issue licence for Winter Season starting Nov 1

SIDNEY KIRAN
BENGALURU, DHNS

Bangalore Turf Club's Winter Season is under threat after the Chief Minister linked licence renewal for conduct of races to the club vacating its current premises in the next two years. DH FILE PHOTO

The start of the winter season at the Bangalore Turf Club from November 1 is in jeopardy after Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah threatened he won't issue the licence if the club fails to give a guarantee to the government that they would exit the current premises in the next two years.

According to a source in the know of things, the CM, along with his legal adviser AS Ponnanna and Energy Minister KJ George, made a surprise visit to BTC on Sunday evening. Many officials, who were in Mysuru for the Derby, were forced to make a hasty return, including the newly-elected chairman L Shivashankar.

The source said that although the meeting between Siddaramaiah, Shivashankar and some BTC officials was amicable, the CM was firm that the club give an undertaking they would move out of the current premises within two years.

The CM, reportedly, offered 120 acres in Kunigal Stud Farm for racing activities. Club members did try reasoning with Siddaramaiah but the CM was unyielding and asked the BTC to move out of its current facility without applying delaying tactics. The CM was, however, willing to offer six acres of land in BTC, which is spread across 80 acres, for clubhouse activities and other administrative functions.

Not surprisingly, BTC members were taken aback by CM's shock visit and his diktat as preparations for the season are already underway with even a press conference scheduled for October 29 where the agenda for racing between November to February was to be unveiled.

"The CM told some of the committee members that if the club doesn't give an undertaking about their exit in a time-bound manner, then he may consider not issuing the licence to conduct the races," the source told *DH* on conditions of anonymity.

Another source revealed that committee members as well as senior officials, including some past chairmen, held several rounds of meetings on Monday to discuss the way forward. The meetings deliberated on engaging the CM in a dialogue and sort out the licence issue rather than approach the High Court considering the poor financial condition of the club.

"During an extraordinary general meeting, it was agreed the club move out of its current premises. The CM is aware of it. He wants the club to stop beating around the bush and start building the new facility in Kunigal. That's why he wants BTC to give a written undertaking this time. It's testing times ahead again," said another source.

This is not the first time an incumbent CM or the government has been at loggerheads with BTC. Over the last decade or so almost every season has witnessed stand-offs between the two sides, especially over BTC's reluctance to move out of its premises.

Pratika out of World Cup, Shafali named replacement

NAVI MUMBAI, PTI

Pratika Rawal hurt her right foot while attempting to save a boundary at deep mid-wicket against Bangladesh in Navi Mumbai on Sunday. BCCI

In a major blow to India, inform opener Pratika Rawal was on Monday ruled out of the remainder of the Women's World Cup after injuring her knee and ankle during the game against Bangladesh.

Shafali Verma, who last played an ODI a year ago, was named Rawal's replacement. The 25-year-old opener had twisted her right ankle during India's last league match at the DY Patil Stadium here on Sunday. "Verma was named as a replacement after Rawal was ruled out after sustaining an injury to her right ankle while fielding in the league match against Bangladesh," said the ICC in a statement.

Rawal's right foot got stuck into the turf on the final ball of the 21st over as she ran in from deep midwicket to stop the ball, and collapsed immediately while grimacing in pain.

Indian players ran towards their teammate while a stretcher was also taken to the spot, but Rawal walked off the field with assistance from the support staff. Rawal has been in stellar form throughout the tournament, amassing 308 runs from six innings at an average of 51.33.

She hit her maiden World Cup century in the game against New Zealand. In the process, she also became the joint-fastest to 1000 runs in women's ODIs. Rawal has also forged a prolific alliance with Smriti Mandhana at the top of the order.

India are set to take on defending champions Australia in the semifinal on Thursday while the final is scheduled for Sunday.

The hard-hitting Verma could be drafted straightaway into the playing eleven. The 21-year-old opener has a modest ODI record, tallying 644 runs in 29 games at an average of 23. Inconsistency had cost Shafali her place in the ODI side though she retained it in the shortest format. There are also doubts over Richa Ghosh's fitness as well. The wicketkeeper batter had sustained a blow to her finger against New Zealand and subsequently sat out the Bangladesh match.

CRICKET RANJI TROPHY

Goa's late resistance frustrates Karnataka

Abhilash, Vidwath excel to reduce visitors to 171/6

Karnataka senior pacer Vidwath Kaverappa (left) bagged two wickets while the young Abhilash Shetty sparkled with a three-for against Goa on the third day of their Ranji Trophy clash in Shivamogga on Monday. DH PHOTO/ KRISHNAKUMAR PS

VIGNESH BHARADWAJ
SHIVAMOGGA, DHNS

Arjun Tendulkar (43 not out) and Mohit Redkar (24 not out) tapped into their reservoir of resilience and showed their team-mates they could fight and compete with Karnataka to take Goa to 171 for six in 77 overs at stumps on day 3 at the KSCA Navule Stadium in Shivamogga here.

They will now carry the belief of an unbeaten 56-run partnership and survival for 23.4 overs into the final day, trailing Karnataka by 200 runs and needing 50 more to avoid the follow-on.

Both players starred in fine rearguard act as Karnataka's bowling attack toiled through the final session on a surface that was getting flatter by the day.

While Karnataka were greeted with gloomy skies for almost the entire day, the hosts managed to pick up just five wickets in 64 overs before play was called off due to bad light at 5:17 pm.

Mayank Agarwal threw everything at Goa, but in the end, it was the visitors who fought to live another session and saw the day through with four wickets in hand.

Goa's ability to hold out may go a long way in determining the result, with Karnataka looking for an outright win after taking just a point from their first game.

Earlier in the day, Karnataka arrived at the ground with hopes of a big first-innings lead. An hour into the play, with the game starting only at 10:30 am due to wet outfield, they picked up three wickets for 42 runs and had Goa staring down the barrel of a large deficit at 51/4.

Abhilash Shetty (3/63) and Vidwath Kaverappa (2/30) produced a fine burst of swing and seam bowling, making the ball scream outside edges every time it went past the bat.

Not getting carried away by the movement they were getting, Vidwath and Abhilash also displayed control and didn't go searching for the wicket ball, bowling on the fourth and fifth sticks, giving no room for the batters to break free.

There is just something poetic about white jerseys on grass under grey skies with cool breeze. And for the fast bowlers, it was a day to bowl their hearts out. The sun was not beating down; Karnataka had bowled only 13 overs last evening and the cool conditions allowed the quicks to run in hard.

Vidwath bowled one on a length, which persuaded Suyash Prabhudessai (12) to go for the expansive drive on the rise, only managing to brush it straight to Shrijith KL. It was an ideal way for the first wicket, given how the weather gods had tuned the conditions.

Snehal Kauthankar (10) and Abhinav Tejrana (18), both misjudged deliveries on length off Vidwath and Abhilash respectively and were back in the hut.

SCOREBOARD

KARNATAKA (I Innings): 371 all out
GOA (I Innings O/n: 28/1): Manthan Khutkar c Shrijith b Abhilash 9 (17b, 1x4), Suyash Prabhudessai c Shrijith b Vidwath 12 (42b, 1x4), Abhinav Tejrana c Nikin b Vidwath 18 (40b, 3x4), Snehal Kauthankar c Shrijith b Abhilash 10 (15b, 1x4), Lalit Yadav c Yashovardhan b Abhilash 36 (84b, 1x4), Darshan Misal c Nair b Yashovardhan 12 (84b, 1x4), Arjun Tendulkar 43 (batting) (115b, 5x4, 1x6), Mohit Redkar 24 (batting) (54b, 2x4). EXTRAS (B-2, LB-4, NB-1) 7. **TOTAL (for six wickets, 77 overs) 171.**
Fall of wickets: 1-9 (Manthan), 2-29 (Suyash), 3-47 (Snehal), 4-51 (Abhinav), 5-100 (Darshan), 6-115 (Lalit).
Bowling: Vidwath Kaverappa 18-5-30-2, Abhilash Shetty 18-3-63-3, Yashovardhan Parantap 16-6-18-1, Vyshak Vijaykumar 17-2-41-0, Shreyas Gopal 8-2-13-0.

Lalit Yadav (36) followed his efforts against Chandigarh, where he scored 213, with another fighting innings, this time, batting time.

Lalit, along with Darshan Misal (12), mixed caution with grit and stitched a 49-run partnership, batting 25 overs and avoided an embarrassing collapse.

Yashovarshan Parantap finally broke the stand with a sharp, slightly short and angled in delivery at the body, taking the edge off Darshan to Karun Nair.

While Goa have found an escape route to see off the third day, Karnataka will look to enforce a follow-on on the fourth.

Group B brief scores: At Rajkot: Saurashtra: 260 all out in 88.4 overs (Harvik Desai 26, Chirag Jani 82, Ansh Gosai 38, Ravindra Jadeja 36, Parth Bhut 27 n.o; Aryan Pandey 4-31, Kumar Karthikeya 4-84) vs Madhya Pradesh: (O/n: 195/4) 355/9 in 135 overs (Harsh Bawali 32, Yash Dubey 159, Himanshu Mantri 32, Saransh Jain 103 n.o.; Jaydev Unadkat 4-32, Gajjar Sammar 2-26).
At Chandigarh: Maharashtra: 313 all out & (O/n: 66/0) 359/3 decl in 52 overs (Prithvi Shaw 222, Arshin Kulkarni 31, Siddesh Veer 62, Ruturaj Gaikwad 36 n.o.) vs Chandigarh: 209 & 129/1 in 34 overs (Arjun Azad 63 n.o., Manan Vohra 53 n.o.).
At New Chandigarh: Punjab 436 all out in 163.4 overs vs Kerala (O/n 15/1): 247/6 in 87 overs (Ankit Sharma 62, Rohan Kunnummal 43, Sachin Baby 36, Baba Aparajit 39 n.o.; Naman Dhir 2-36).

Fit-again Bavuma back in squad to lead SA in Tests

JOHANNESBURG, PTI: South Africa Captain Temba Bavuma **(in pic)** returned to the Test squad on Monday for the two-match series in India after recovering from a calf injury. The series begins on November 14 with matches scheduled in Guwahati and Kolkata.

Bavuma was not part of the recent two-match series in Pakistan that his team drew with the hosts. The majority of the squad from the Pakistan series has been retained with David Bedingham making way for Bavuma.

Bavuma, who led his team to the title in the previous World Test Championship cycle, is also likely to play the preceding shadow series against India A beginning in Bengaluru on November 2. The A series will also mark the return of Rishabh Pant from injury.

South Africa's spin trio of Simon Harmer, Keshav Maharaj and Senuran Muthusamy had made big impact on the turning tracks in Pakistan and they could trouble the Indian batters in their own backyard.

It remains to be seen what kind of pitches India dish out, having not opted for rank turners against the West Indies earlier this month. Kagiso Rabada and all-rounders Corbin Bosch, Marco Jansen and Wiaan Mulder provide the pace options.

The first Test gets underway on November 14 at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata, before the side heads to Guwahati, where the ACA Stadium will host its maiden Test match from November 22.

South Africa squad: Temba Bavuma (captain), Aiden Markram, Ryan Rickelton, Tristan Stubbs, Kyle Verreynne, Dewald Brevis, Zubayr Hamza, Tony de Zorzi, Corbin Bosch, Wiaan Mulder, Marco Jansen, Keshav Maharaj, Senuran Muthusamy, Kagiso Rabada, Simon Harmer.

Gukesh returns to Goa with eye on World Cup glory

PANAJI, PTI: World chess Champion D Gukesh **(in pic)** is looking forward to returning to Goa, a venue that holds fond memories from his early playing days, as he prepares to lead the Indian challenge at the prestigious FIDE World Cup starting here on Friday.

The World Cup, one of the most significant events on the global chess calendar, returns to India after 23 years. The tournament will be held at a resort in North Goa from October 31 to November 27, offering a total prize fund of USD 2 million.

"I am really excited about the World Cup. Playing anywhere in India is great and I have some great memories of Goa. I have played some junior events there. So, looking forward to being there," said Gukesh, who will start as the top seed in the competition.

The 19-year-old GM last competed in Goa in 2019, finishing 10th in the Category 'A' Goa International Open Grandmasters Chess Tournament despite being seeded much lower at the start. Now returning as the reigning world champion, Gukesh hopes to make it another memorable trip to the coastal state, regarded among India's top sporting and tourist destinations.

A field of 206 players from 82 countries will compete in the knockout-format event, with the top three finishers qualifying for the 2026 Candidates Tournament.

Kalkal wins Worlds U-23 gold medal

Indian wrestler Sujeet Kalkal won the gold medal in the men's freestyle 65kg title clash at the U-23 World Championships with a 10-0 victory over Uzbekistan's Umidjon Jalolov in Novi Sad, Serbia on Monday, reports PTI.

The contest lasted four minutes and 54 seconds as the referee declared the Indian winner. It was a victory by superiority for Kalkal who dominated the title clash against his Uzbek opponent.

Prior to this, Kalkal had won two U-23 Asian titles (2022, 2025) and one U-20 Asian gold (2022).

Tottenham snap Everton's streak

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Tottenham's Micky van de Ven (centre) heads in his second goal against Everton at the Hill Dickinson Stadium in Liverpool on Sunday. REUTERS

Micky van de Ven struck twice as Tottenham moved into third place in the Premier League with a 3-0 win that ended Everton's unbeaten record at their new stadium on Sunday.

Thomas Frank's side extended their impressive away form thanks to Dutch defender Van de Ven's first-half double and a late Pape Sarr header. Everton were unbeaten in their first five games in all competitions at the Hill Dickinson Stadium, the plush new arena they moved to from Goodison Park in the close-season.

But injury-hit Tottenham shattered that unblemished start with just their second win in their last five league games. While Tottenham have endured a torrid time in home games in 2025, they have the most away points in the Premier League this season.

Even that wasn't enough to satisfy the fans who booed them off after a drab 0-0 draw at Monaco in the Champions League on Wednesday. Those travelling Tottenham supporters were in better spirits on Merseyside after a workmanlike victory in the torrential rain.

Unlike his Tottenham predecessor Ange Postecoglou, Frank prioritises organisation and set-piece expertise over stylish attacking play. The Dane's prosaic philosophy might go against Tottenham's 'to dare is to do' ethos, but his results so far have been a marked improvement on the team's 17th-placed finish under Postecoglou last term.

Tottenham are five points behind Premier League leaders Arsenal and have also made a solid start to their Champions League campaign. Jack Grealish was back for Everton after the on-loan winger was unable to play in the defeat against his parent club Manchester City.

Teed up by Iliman Ndiaye's cross, Grealish should have given Everton the lead in the fourth minute when his close-range strike was blocked on the line by Pedro Porro.

Result: Everton: 0 lt to Tottenham: 3 (Van de Ven 19th, 45+6th, Sarr 89th)

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